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ACCOUNTING

Master's program in CBHE's hands

SMSU, UMKC file reports
to implement own courses

By J.L. GRIFFIN
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Plans to bring an accounting master's degree program to Missouri Southern are in the hands of Missouri's Coordinating Board for Higher Education.

In July, Southern learned it would not be allowed to start its own accounting master's program. This was in accordance with the CBHE's plans to overhaul the higher education system. Southern did submit a proposal to the CBHE, said College President Julio Leon.

In October, Southwest Missouri State University and the University of Missouri-Kansas City filed preliminary proposals with the CBHE that would bring one of their programs to Southern.

Southern found itself in the middle of a struggle between the two institutions to bring a master's program to Joplin. Both SMSU and UMKC currently have master's programs in other areas being taught at Southern.

"The master's degree became extremely important in order to compete," said Jim Gray, Southern's dean of the school of business. "If we couldn't offer it, we had to allow someone else to do it."

The College initially contacted UMKC because of the nursing master's program it has successfully been operating at Southern. Soon, SMSU wanted Southern officials to take a look at its program. SMSU currently offers a master's program in business administration at Southern.

On Jan. 30, SMSU sent a group from the uni-



Gray

Accounting master's degree

Southern's bachelor requirement

To receive a bachelor's degree in accounting at Missouri Southern, students must complete 128 hours.

CPA exam requirement

To take the Certified Public Accountant's exam, students must complete 150 hours of accounting courses.

Master's requirement

To receive a master's degree in accounting from either SMSU or UMKC, students must complete 30 hours of graduate courses.

RICK ROGERS/The Chart

versity's school of accountancy to make a presentation to Southern on SMSU's proposal, said Phil Harsha, SMSU's director of the school of accountancy.

"We're not trying to make a competitive situation," Harsha said.

Leon also said this wasn't intended to be competitive.

"This is a little delicate for us," Leon said. "As we prefer one (program) we don't want to antagonize the other. The [CBHE] commissioner is in a delicate spot trying to pick between two good schools."

Gray described the situation as "win-win."

Graduates with a bachelor's degree in accounting from Southern would be able to take part in master's classes offered by one of

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PICTURE 'PURR'FECT



Breckin Williams, the three-year-old son of Lady Lion sophomore guard Megan Williams, spends some quality time in the stands with Southern's Lady Lion mascot.

DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

STUDENT SENATE

Groups' requests increase

By RICK ROGERS
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

After allocating \$1,600 to Missouri Southern's cheerleaders last semester, the Student Senate is now being forced to deal with a handful of campus organizations requesting larger sums of cash for their coffers.

In just five meetings this spring,

three campus organizations have requested sums larger than the Student Senate's cap of \$1,000. Those clubs were Southern Concepts, which asked for \$2,971 and received \$1,000; the Physical Education Majors Club, which requested \$1,800 only to be allocated \$1,000; and the College Republicans, which sought \$1,500 but was given \$1,000.

Senate's current balance sits at \$9,247.25 with no meeting taking place Wednesday due to Senior Assessment Day.

Josh Phillips, Student Senate treasurer, said the body's constitution states a ceiling of \$1,000 for any allocation, but if a group asks for a larger sum an amendment can be voted upon by the Senate. A two-thirds vote of the body is



Phillips

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APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

Budget center of discussion at Capitol

By TAMMY SPICER
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. —

The budget for Missouri Southern was once again the center of discussion in a committee meeting at the State Capitol.

The Senate appropriations committee spent Monday listening to a report from the Coordinating Board for Higher Education and presentations from 11 institutions and the state's community colleges.

College President Julio Leon and Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president, represented Missouri Southern at the evening session.

"I think that Dr. Leon did an excellent job appearing before the committee," said Sen. Marvin Singleton (R-Seneca), a member of the appropriations committee. "He presented the case for Missouri Southern by pointing out their productivity and supported it with documentation."

"I want to demonstrate how Missouri Southern State College has responded to the Coordinating Board for Higher Education's goals," Leon said to the committee.

Leon introduced a packet with the first page being a chart that showed student enrollment from 1980 to 1992, with dates of interest highlighted.

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TAMMY SPICER/The Chart

Dr. Julio Leon, College president (foreground), and Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president, appear before the state appropriations committee concerning the budget Monday evening.

STUDENT LIFE BEAT



MOKE FOX/The Chart

Matt Bassham (left), senior accounting major, Troy Royer (center), senior accounting major, and Jodi Hilbert, junior economics major, study in the library.

Studying no longer a solo project for many

By AILEEN GRONWOLD
STAFF WRITER

Call it an old adage or timeless wisdom: two heads are better than one. And many Missouri Southern students might add that three or four heads are even better.

Call them groupies. They believe that participating in study groups has saved both their grades and their sanity.

"I think being in a study group has easily raised my grade by a whole letter grade," said Sean Stephan, senior biology major. "It helps to compare notes from class. Some things that you missed, other people will get. It's just good to get another perspective."

Jennifer Kronkow, sophomore kinesiology major, and Charity Turner, junior undecided major, agree. They meet regularly with Doug Culver, sophomore accounting major, to study Fundamentals of Physical Science.

"We started our group the second day of class," Kronkow

said. "We were sitting together, and Dr. [John] Summerfield passed out some statistics on study groups, and we just decided to start meeting."

"We meet once a week at least, usually on a Sunday night, and sometimes one other evening," Turner said. "It keeps me motivated when I'm not doing it by myself."

Summerfield, assistant professor of chemistry, believes study groups are especially important in his classes.

"In physics, where the concepts are so abstract, any extra talking about the concept is helpful," he said. "They can only talk to me so much, so the more they talk to each other, the more the concept becomes clear."

Laura Adkins, instructor of mathematics, also champions peer learning.

"We do a lot of peer learning in my classes, and sometimes study groups evolve out of the class groups," she said. "Sometimes students are hesitant to come to me or

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Student LifeBeat



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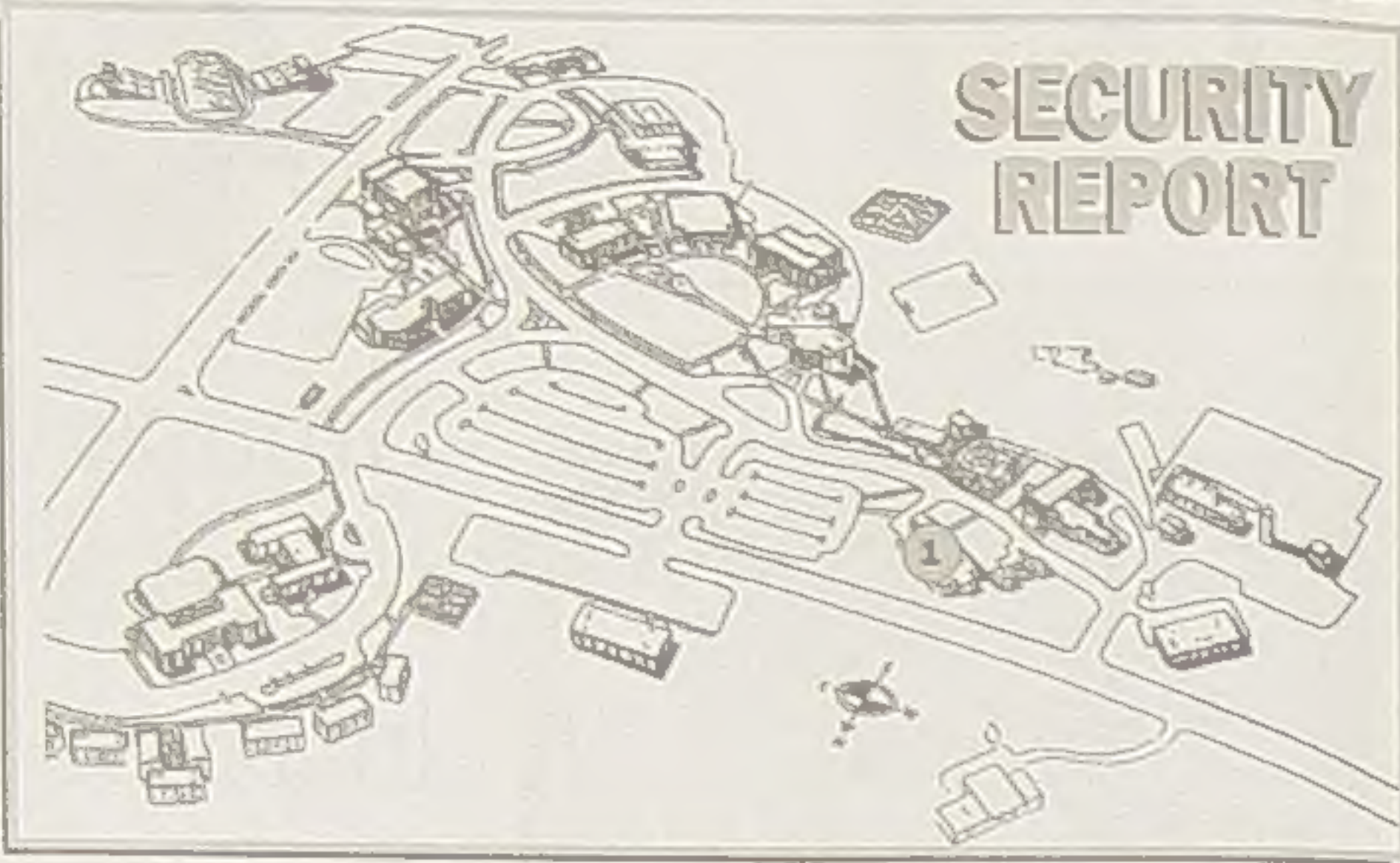
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SECURITY
REPORT

1 02/18/97 Lot III 12:24 p.m. Rita E. Guzman, junior undecided major, reported the 1996 Chevy Cavalier she rented was damaged when she returned to it after class. The passenger's side mirror had been broken.

CORRECTION: It was incorrectly reported in last issue's security reports that Angela R. Larey, a junior psychology major, was pregnant. The Chart deeply regrets the error.

GROUPS: Schedules, work, barriers in forming groups

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go to the Learning Center, but they are comfortable going to a peer." Not every study group works well, however. Adkins and Summerfield gave these tips for creating a successful study group:

- keep the group at 3 to 5 members
- choose members who are generally compatible
- choose members with differing abilities
- meet frequently at a fixed time
- come prepared; study independently before group meetings.

Some students see the value of a study group but find it frustrating to form one. Class schedules, work schedules, and traveling distance are just a few barriers. "It really is hard to form study groups at a commuter college," said Eileen Godsey, director of the Learning Center. □

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Ashcroft to lead forum

Senator to discuss
concern over rise
in area drug labsBy DEBORAH SOLOMON
MANAGING EDITOR

Southwest Missouri is among the top areas in the country where methamphetamine labs are on the rise.

Sen. John Ashcroft (R-Mo.) is meeting with drug task force members today to discuss drug

manufacturing problems and juvenile crime in southwest Missouri.

Ashcroft will be at the Mills Anderson Justice Center at 3:30 p.m. talking with Jasper County Sheriff Bill Pierce, Newton County Sheriff Ron Doerge, and Dr. Philip Whittle, director of the MSSC Regional Crime Laboratory.

"I think Missouri has been listed as the leading state in methamphetamine production," Pierce said. "When you become No. 1, it may be because you are effectively finding and shutting the labs down, not because you have the most labs of any state."

"There may be some states who have more and just aren't finding them."

Ashcroft has presented a bill before the Senate, "The Violent and Repeat Juvenile Offender Act," which is one of the Senate's top 10 priorities for 1997, according to an Ashcroft press release.

Ashcroft made stops in Jefferson City and St. Louis Wednesday and will be stopping in Kansas City, Springfield, and Joplin today.

"The meeting will be somewhat like a forum," said Dr. Jack Spurlin, dean of the school of technology at Southern. □

BUDGET: College begins actions to increase enrollment

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"The College has initiated a series of actions to increase enrollment," he explained.

Some of the items on the chart included the introduction of the honors program in 1984, the end of open admissions in 1986, a new core curriculum in 1988, and the addition of international education in 1990.

The packet also showed a comparison of the average ACT score for first-time freshmen at Missouri's

public four-year institutions. Southern's average is similar to the other regional higher education institutions in the state, Leon pointed out.

"Missouri Southern also has less appropriations per student," Leon said.

In fiscal year 1993, Southern's students were using only 56 percent of the state average for individual appropriations.

"On the average, our students expressed a better degree of satisfaction than other four-year institutions

and on an equal basis with community colleges, which traditionally have a higher level of satisfaction," Leon said, referring to a 1993 survey by the CBHE. "We are pleased with that kind of satisfaction from our students."

The last item Leon presented to the committee was the College's international mission. He said Southern plans to increase the number of languages taught and concentrate on the communication approach to teaching them. □

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SENIOR ASSESSMENT

College stresses test importance for future funding

Students expect 'more academic' exams

By DEBORAH SOLOMON
MANAGING EDITOR

Sweat was not pouring off the brows of the test-takers this time; instead, Missouri Southern's administrators and instructors were feeling the heat from these exams.

Wednesday, seniors participated in the American College Testing College Outcome Measures Program (ACT COMP), which is required for graduation.

College President Julio Leon addressed the seniors in Webster Hall auditorium before both sessions of the test and told them it was important for the College as well as the students. He said, however, it would not be a "regular test; it won't ask you to regurgitate information you have written down in a notebook."

"We get the total composite scores; you get individual results so you can see where you stand on a national level," Leon said.

He said the test tries to assess graduates' ability to think, solve problems, analyze, compare, and evaluate. It also shows to what extent those abilities have

increased while at Southern.

Some students disagreed with Leon about the testing being beneficial for both the College and the students.

"It will give the College feedback as to what we (seniors) have learned," said Erica Doennig, senior early childhood education major. "For me, personally, it didn't measure anything that I have learned while I was here. It was all logic, common knowledge stuff, things you learn in elementary school."

She said she understood that the test was good for the College after Leon expressed the importance of the results to show how Southern graduates rank among other colleges and universities across the nation.

Other students were not expecting the type of test they received.

"I was expecting the test to be more academic," said Cindy Duckworth, senior art major, who took the ACT COMP. "The answers were more opinion-based than any clear-cut option."

Dr. Delores Honey, director of assessment and institutional research, said she had received no



Select students participate in one of the two pilot exams during this year's battery of assessment tests.

negative feedback from students about the testing.

"The students were very cooperative," she said. "There was nothing overtly negative."

Along with the ACT COMP, a select group of seniors took two separate pilot tests, the Assessment of Reasoning and

Communicating (ARC) and Academic Profiles, objective tests on general education skills.

"We were not sure how they would handle the different testing because there were three sections on writing and three recorded sections," Honey said. "The seniors did a good job adjusting, and the

language lab in Webster Hall, where that testing was done, is a good facility."

She said the assessment committee will have to take a look at the results from ARC and Academic Profiles and see if either of the pilot tests could replace the ACT COMP. □

FACULTY RETIREMENT

College registrar plans June exit

By STEPHANIE GOAD
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

When Dr. Eugene Mouser began his career at Missouri Southern, it was only temporary. Now, after 23 years, he is planning to retire in June.

Mouser, College registrar, was initially hired for one year as director of counseling and testing but remained in that position for the next 17 years.

"Then, when Mr. [George] Volmert (former registrar) retired [in 1987], I was asked to move into the registrar's office," he said.

The work of a registrar, Mouser said, entails all maintenance of student academic records.

"Many jobs spin off of the academic records," he said. "If a student has a loan, the loan company wants to know each semester that they are enrolled, so we certify their enrollment."

We also make the final check when the student is to graduate."

Although Mouser has worked in higher education since 1951, his first interest was in music education.

He received a bachelor's degree in music education that year from Oklahoma State University.

Mouser received a master's degree in school administration in 1957 and a doctorate in 1972 in student personnel in higher education, also from OSU.

He taught high school band for 15 years, worked three years as adviser in college engineering at OSU, and served as dean of men and director of men's housing at Southwestern State University in Weatherford, Okla., before joining Southern's staff.

"I have really enjoyed working at Southern; it has been fun," he said. "There have been so many changes, and I have been able to be a part of some of those changes."

Mouser said he has enjoyed working with the faculty and staff at Southern. He also said the students help keep a person young.

"Someone once said to me, 'We keep getting older, but the students stay the same age.' They do provide a younger outlook on life," he said.

Although Mouser did not continue his career in music education, he still hones that interest by playing the trombone in the campus orchestra and the community band.

College President Julio Leon said he is sorry to see Mouser leave and that he will be missed by Missouri Southern.

"He's made a tremendous contribution to the College in both counseling and the registrar's office," Leon said. "He's always been a man of great ideas, always proposing innovative ways to do things."

Leon said there have been no plans made to replace Mouser at this time.

Mouser said he has no definite agenda after he retires.

"I'll just do nothing until I get tired of doing it. I do some woodworking, so I will probably do some of that," he said. "My wife (LaVaughn) would like to travel, so when I get ready, we'll probably do some of that. Right now, I just want to float for awhile." □

STUDENT FEATURE

"If I don't get a standing ovation, I know I should have prepared more."

Smith doubles up

Actor tackles two roles to commemorate history

By LINDA WHITED
STAFF WRITER

With his delivery of a stirring theatrical interpretation, Missouri Southern's Parris Smith was the highlight of Shiloh Baptist Church's celebration of Black History Month Sunday in Joplin.

"All American Black Heroes and Heroines" was the focus of the ceremony as the pews were filled to capacity. Latecomers spilled into the aisles and lined the back of the building. Two hours passed in a wink as attendees experienced singing, detailed stories of famous blacks' societal contributions, and Smith's interpretation titled "The Meeting," featuring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X.

Smith's character supplied the audience with an eyewitness account of a possible meeting between the two black civil rights activists.

A change in Malcolm X was signaled by Smith turning his head to the audience's right. "Martin Luther King Jr." spoke when Smith faced the audience's left.

"To get my anger up before I act, I look at black movies like *Black Panther* the night before I perform," Smith said. "I get the feelings they must have felt."

Smith's theatrical presentations began in high school. He placed in the nation's

top 10 percent of high school actors at a national convention.

"My goal in life is to be an actor," he said. "I acted Sunday as volunteer work. I am a professional motivational speaker for area schools, social clubs, and self-help groups. I perform at as many as eight schools a day in February. Black History Month is dedicated to 'The Meeting' performances."

Smith, a communications major and a theatre minor, has acted in six Southern Theatre productions. He will also be featured in Anton Chekhov's *The Sea Gull*, a 20th-century Russian piece.

Dr. Allen Merriam, professor of communications, attended Smith's performance Sunday night and came away impressed.

"It is a challenge to portray two separate people at the same time when they have such different philosophies," Merriam said. "His animation level was intense. Parris nicely contrasted different approaches to civil rights struggles."

"It's important for students to support each other. We learn by being exposed to new ideas. The program deepens our appreciation for history. Some of the best college experiences occur outside the classroom."

Smith said he was impressed by the warm reception he was given after the performance.



RICK ROGERS/The Chart

Parris Smith recently performed a one-man show acting as both Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Malcolm X.

"If I don't get a standing ovation, I know I should have prepared more," he said. Smith will perform his interpretation once again for an audience in Topeka, Kan., Saturday.

"I was happy to see my friends, especially my caucasian friends who supported me Sunday," he said. "I give all my glory to the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Without him, I couldn't do anything." □

CAMPUS SECURITY

Vandals target cars parked on campus

By DEBORAH SOLOMON
MANAGING EDITOR

Crime is on the rise at Missouri Southern, at least a little. According to Bob Beeler, head of the physical plant, there has been an increase in car break-ins on campus.

Although unsure why theft is going up, Beeler said the most common time for car break-ins is when the parking lots are full.

"We see more theft of purses or valuables from cars during the first two weeks of school or when the parking lots are very

full," he said. "There are also more during sporting events because there are so many cars. A would-be thief would think about that, and that is when they would strike."

Beeler said students could help prevent their cars from being broken into by putting anything of value under a seat or in the trunk.

"Out of sight, out of mind is a good rule to go by," he said. "If something is just laying out, it is very tempting for someone looking to steal."

Beeler also added that students should report any break-in, not only to help secu-

urity, but also for students' insurance coverage.

"If they report it to the security office, it could help us establish a pattern and possibly increase surveillance of an area or catch the person responsible," he said.

If caught, Beeler said, the offender will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

"Our security force does not have police powers, but we are in close contact with the Joplin Police Department," he said.

"There would be a joint effort to apprehend that person." □

INFORMATION SERVICES

Software problems plague computer labs

By NICK PARKER
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

For some students, Missouri Southern's computer labs have not been user friendly.

Many of the computers in the labs on the second floor of Matthews Hall have not been available for use in recent weeks.

Steve Earney, assistant vice president for information services, said Windows 95 need-

ed to be reinstalled on those computers.

"One of the problems with [Windows] is that it is fragile," Earney said. "It is easily hurt by people, and then it has to be reinstalled after that happens."

Earney said unlike Windows 3.1, the configuration and setup for Windows 95 is done individually per computer. The configuration for Windows 3.1 can be controlled from a central location.

He said because students with all levels of

experience are using the labs, he and his staff attempt to keep the configurations consistent on each computer.

"These labs were the first computers to have Windows installed," Earney said. "Windows 95 is easy to tinker with, especially for those students with more experience to change things. The Computer Science 106 students need to be able to come in and work as easily as those students in the higher courses." □

SOUTHERN NEWS BRIEFS

Phon-A-Thon surpasses highest objective ever

Supporters of Missouri Southern passed the \$200,000 mark for the fourth consecutive year in the 15th Missouri Southern Foundation Phon-A-Thon.

The campaign surged over its goal of \$200,000, the highest objective in the history of the effort. By the end of calling Feb. 13, pledges and gifts totaled \$221,476.50.

"Friends and supporters of the College continue to show their confidence in Missouri Southern through their giving," said Sue Billingsly, director of the Foundation.

The total will likely increase since many alumni and friends of the College are still considering gifts and pledges.

The funds support a variety of programs including student and faculty development, scholarships, lecture programs, and more.

Hundreds of volunteers contacted thousands of alumni and friends of the College during the two-week campaign. □

Internships available through Missouri CBHE

Paid internship opportunities will be discussed when a representative from the Missouri Coordinating Board Higher Education visits Missouri Southern Monday.

The representative will be in the Billingsly Student Center from 9 to 11 a.m. to meet with students and answer questions about the internship programs. Interested students are encouraged to visit the information booth.

Some internships include positions in the divisions of electronic publications, communications, and financial aid.

A release by the CBHE said internships pay between \$6 and \$7 an hour. □

Homer opens exhibit highlighting Ozark touch

Ozark landscapes, wildlife, Southwest subjects, and portraits will be highlighted in an alumni exhibit opening Monday, March 10, in the Missouri Southern Spiva Art Gallery.

Gallery hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Admission is free and open to the public.

Rex Homer, a 1978 Southern graduate, will exhibit works through April 11. He received his formal art education at Southern, studying with the late Darrel Dishman.

A native of Cassville, Homer displays a keen interest in nature and art.

Having worked in a wide range of mediums, from print making to sculpture, his true loves are watercolor and pencil. Homer now resides in Bentonville, Ark.

Homer's works have received numerous honors in regional competitions, and are held in both public and private collections. □

Eighty education majors start student teaching

Nearly 80 Missouri Southern student education majors are engaged in their student teaching "professional semester" in the teacher education program.

The experience is one of the requirements for graduation with a bachelor of science degree in education.

The students teach for 10 weeks during the semester under the supervision of a certified teacher in their academic field.

Stringent requirements are set for all student teachers.

Students apply for tentative admission at the beginning of their junior year, then they apply for the student teaching experience at the beginning of their senior year. The student teaching semester is the culminating experience. □

EDITOR'S COLUMN

A list of items that can peg my pleasure

At an English department function last fall, shortly after my last editor's column had ignited a letter-writing campaign of sorts to The Chart, English professor Henry Morgan approached me.

"Maybe next time you can piss everyone else off," he said jokingly.

Being a non-confrontational person, however, I tend not to like letters to the editor railing about my state of sanity or my personal character, no matter how shoddy I myself admit that it is.



Leslie Roberts
Automotive Editor

So this time, I am going to try not to offend anybody. I don't think I was trying to offend anybody before, either, but let's just see how this works.

I was in Hastings the other day, brows-

ing the "How to write books" self-help section, when I stumbled upon a book full of things to be happy about. It listed things such as curled-up cats and chocolate, but nowhere did I find any specific things that peg my pleasure meter.

So I decided to come up with my own (partial) list. Here goes: 427 Cobras; little warm fuzzy basset hound puppies named Otis, who chew on fingers and shoes and whatever else happens to be handy; back massages; beef jerky; the writings of B.S. Levy, his column "Pure B.S." and his book *The Last Open Road* among them; warm summer winds; songs that make you think of warm summer winds when it's cold outside;

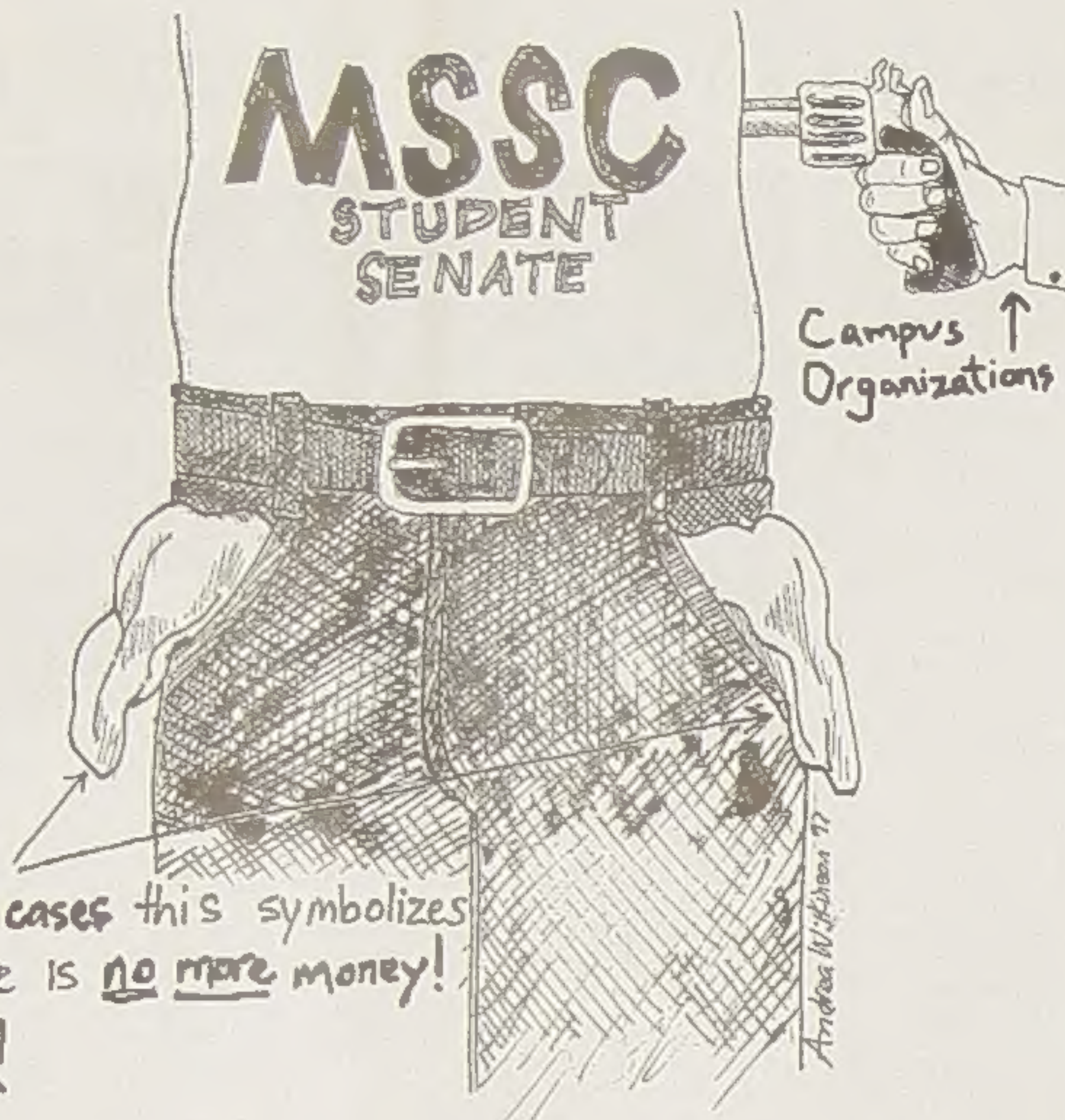
Rosie's long, silky, hangy-down ears and her sad, sad eyes (Rosie is a coon dawg!); vintage race cars; chocolate; manual transmissions; convertibles; the ocean; Italian food; someone else doing the cooking and cleaning; clean laundry; a frame-pulling technician who can get it right the first time (haven't found him/her yet, but the discovery would make me happy!); new socks; bed; autocrossing on super-sticky race tires; going topless (the car, that is! The car!) in a warm summer rain; jet airplanes;

Peter Egan's writings; 1967 Corvette Sting Ray convertibles with side exhausts; V8 engines; fuel injection; BMW Isettas; "unseasonably warm" weather; Miatas (you knew it had to be in here somewhere!); my husband; swimming pools; Jackie Diehl, a Nevada Regional Medical Center ER RN whose manner has been termed "abrupt"; Dr. Jerry Jumper, for his good humor throughout all sorts of wild ER situations; 1965 Buick Riviera; Renault Dauphines and their "country horn" (beep) and their "city horn" (BEEP!);

British word spellings; Lotus Elises; Lotus Elans, the older ones; Andrew Bornhop and his odd fascination with things powered by boxer engines; writings by Denise McCluggage; hot tubs; Autoweek; DuPont Registry car ads; 300SL Gullwings; little boys; little girls; Highway Patrol officers who also act like people; crab rangoons; striped green kitty-cats; Siamese cats; thoroughbred racehorses; cheap Miata parts; Dr. Brian Murphy, who claims to have a collection of Pontiac GTOs that he bought "because it seemed like a good idea at the time"; bad old muscle-car movies; good old muscle-car movies — *American Graffiti* springs to mind; the Macintosh "Quack";

AP style; free food; teachers who use humor in the classroom; writers who have apostrophes figured out; Welch's Grape Juice bars; Jim Watson, his golf habit, and his Corvette; BBS Classic RZ wheels; Tootsie Roll pops; big 4X4s; tulips; Cragar S/S mags; Def Leppard's "Hysteria" video; and of course, those wonderful Easter sugar bombs. □

In most cases this symbolizes that there is no more money! For You!



OUR EDITORIAL

Unsigned editorials on this page express the opinions of a majority of The Chart editors. Observations elsewhere on the page represent independent viewpoints of columnists, cartoonists, and readers.

Let's keep it under the cap

Greedy has become a pervasive element of Missouri Southern Student Senate meetings this semester, as student groups and organizations have been groveling for more funds than they should.

The Student Senate constitution decrees that no student organization can receive more than \$1,000 per semester. That means that no group, not a single, solitary student organization, can receive more than \$1,000 per semester.

However, that has not stopped several groups this semester from asking for more. Granted, it can be done, but it takes a special act of the body in order even to consider it.

So far no group this semester has received more than \$1,000, and it doesn't look like any will anytime soon.

Last semester, the cheerleaders asked for and received more than the \$1,000 allocation because of "special circumstances." The circumstances the cheerleaders faced was their inability to appear more than once a year before the Student Senate. They requested \$2,000 and received \$1,600.

Since the cheerleaders receive basically no outside funding and participate in numerous events at the College, it was obviously a fair move.

YOUR LETTERS

The Chart welcomes letters from readers. Letters must be signed and include a phone number for verification. Letters should be 300 words or fewer. Submit letters to The Chart office on the third floor of Webster Hall, fax them to (417) 625-9742, or send via E-mail. Our E-mail address: ms-chart@mssc.edu. Letters are due by noon Monday for publication in that week's edition.

Lindstedt's remarks of education very 'techno-elitist'

I have the following comments about Martin Lindstedt's letter to the editor on "Does attending a University make 'ya eddicated?'," in last week's *Chart*. He is correct in saying that anyone with computers and the Internet can make it without a college education. But this was also true in 500 B.C., 1400 A.D., and at any other time in history. George Washington did not have a college education, and the lack of one did not prevent him from surpassing his goals.

If Mr. Lindstedt is suggesting that computers with the Internet can replace a college education, I believe that Mr. Lindstedt is a snobby techno-elitist. Techno-elitists are people who want to divide the world between the computer haves and the computer have-nots. I believe that colleges and universities are relevant and will remain so in the future.

First of all, computers are not prevalent in every home or school. Even in Washington, D.C., the capital of the free world, you would expect computers to be ubiquitous. There are entire neighborhoods where there are more drug users and prostitutes than there are computers. In Joplin, the metropolitan capital of southwest Missouri, there are children growing up in slums where the most technological device in their homes is the microwave and the television set.

Colleges and universities are great social equalizers. Someone who may not own the current techno devices can learn about them and use them at their local college. Someone who may have never heard about biology could not only learn about biology, but might even become a biologist.

College can give you important hands-on experience. Students are not just reading

about oral communication, but they can give speeches in their professor and fellow students. These students can receive important feedback which helps them to improve themselves. No matter how prevalent computers become, they can never replace the hands-on instruction needed by such fields as medicine or music. Personally, I would never want a surgeon to work on me who received his diploma from the Internet.

During the last 30 years of my life, there were jobs that I could not have even applied for because I did not have any college degrees. That is why I am attending college at age 48.

Benjamin Abrams
Freshman undecided major

But asking for several hundred extra dollars should not become the norm at these meetings. Student Senate meetings are chaotic enough without having to discuss a motion to subvert the constitution.

Some organizations would be hard-pressed to explain many of the expenditures at the conventions they attend if they had to account for all expenses. Maybe the Student Senate should take the requests into further consideration provided the organizations come back with receipts detailing their spending.

Certainly, if the organizations were forced to track their spending, this needless ritual of over-requesting would end.

Groups like the Physical Education Majors, College Republicans, and Southern Concepts seem to get by just fine without the excess funding in the past. Fund-raising activities might also lower the out-of-pocket expenses.

There are several things each of these groups has to offer to the community in order to help offset the cost of their trips. Pillaging Senate reserves is not the way to go about paying for the trips.

Student groups have become too reliant on the Student Senate to supply them with the necessary funding for trips. The Student Senate is not welfare. Stop acting like it is. □

IN PERSPECTIVE

Family staple behind life's precious gifts

When *The Chart* called to ask me to write an "In Perspective" column, I said I would because I was in a state about something. I wanted to write about being a good teacher and about what my purpose at MSSC is.

The more I thought about it, the more I realized I wanted to tell every other teacher my opinions on what they should do to be a good teacher and what I think their purpose at MSSC is (and for some, what their purpose is on earth, if they have one).

Well, of course, I don't want to sound like a know-it-all. No, really I do, but it will get me nowhere, so I decided not to write about that.

Next, I thought I would write about being an over-achiever and an under-achiever and how it has affected my teaching style and my expectations of students. But that sounded corny (and preachy, too). My teaching style is MINE, and I can't change other people by writing or talking.

Anyway, in the scheme of things, none of those things seem to matter so much this week. As I was thinking about what to write about, I went outside to see my husband of less than a year, David, with my 5-year-old, Andrew, and a bicycle that no longer had training wheels. Andrew was riding down the street as happy as can be with David walking behind, yelling encouragement.

A few seconds later, there was a crash into a parked car, but no tears. Andrew's excitement with his new-found skill and David's pleasure with Andrew's accomplishment led to several more attempts to ride and include a turn-around in the street. I couldn't have loved either more than I did at that instant.

It must be hard to be a step-parent. David came into our lives at a time when I had not even considered dating or even trying to make new friends. I had just separated from Andrew's father, and Andrew and I were learning to live without him.

I knew it was right for me, but for Andrew? I was not sure. David was my friend and soon, Andrew's friend. He never tried to tell us how to live or what was right, but was there for us when we needed him.

Soon, David was a part of our lives, and Andrew accepted him without question — not as a substitute daddy, but as "his David."

We fought sometimes (still do) about raising Andrew, but in our relationship, there is always time for discussion and compromise.

I try to put myself in David's shoes, but I can't. I am constantly amazed at his love and total acceptance of Andrew. (I'm not saying Andrew is not lovable, he is one of the most lovable children in the world.)

OK, I am his mom, so I'm a little prejudiced. But never once has David said "He's your kid — you take care of him." In fact, sometimes I get jealous of how close they are.

As spring break approaches, we look forward to the changes in our lives. Our baby is due in April, and we are preparing ourselves and Andrew for it. We will begin building our new home, and I will take some time off from teaching to be with my baby, my Andrew, and my David. My life could not get any better than it is. I love you both. □



Dr. Linda Hand
Associate professor of mathematics

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Education majors in 'BASE'-ic training

By RHONDA CLARK
STAFF WRITER

English, mathematics, science, social studies, and a writing cluster within English.

Dr. Cameron Pulliam, director of clinical and field experiences and chairman of the admissions and retention committee in the education department, discounts the myth the College BASE is difficult for most students.

"I review all the applications for admission, and most candidates have passed the test on their first try," he said.

Two years are allowed to retake the exam. Only failed sections need to be retaken, with social studies causing the most difficulty. He attributes the

success to two factors: Missouri Southern candidates must maintain a cumulative grade-point average of 2.75 and a 2.5 in their specialty area. They also take a stronger core curriculum to prepare for the exam.

Before coming to Southern in 1990, Pulliam was involved in education as a superintendent, principal, and teacher. He saw teachers shy away from subjects they were uncomfortable with. The College BASE tests broad general knowledge. Pulliam is glad to see this emphasis and believes it creates better teachers.

Kent Long, a sophomore secondary education major, plans to take the College BASE in April or this sum-

mer. A full-time student and member of the Lions' baseball team, Long is concerned about the time factor. Given five times a year, the test consumes approximately four hours on a Saturday morning.

"Obviously it is a good thing," Long said. "You want to weed out those that can't make it."

Theresa Bartholet, a junior secondary education major, passed the College BASE in December. She was apprehensive before the exam.

"I picked up the booklet about the test and thought there was no way I am going to pass this test," Bartholet said. "After it was over, it wasn't as bad as I thought it would be." □

For some education majors, "C-BASE" is synonymous with anxiety. In reality, the term ensures quality teachers for the state of Missouri.

C-BASE is an acronym for College Basic Academic Subjects Examination, or simply College BASE. It tests candidates for entry into state-approved teacher education programs in Missouri. The test resulted from the "Excellence in Education Act of 1985" to improve the quality of education. Taken before the junior year, the test contains sections in

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Theresa Bartholet
Junior secondary education major

FACULTY TRAVEL

Trip to rain forest inspires professor to learn ecology

By STEPHANIE WARD
EDUCATION EDITOR

It all started with a trip to Costa Rica over Christmas break. Afterward, Tom Simpson, assistant professor of political science, took on a new science: ecology.

"I went there to study," Simpson said. "I went there with the idea I was going to look at how other countries and communities handle public policy questions."

"The particular issue here was the ecological policy — how you handle your environment."

Simpson said he realized just how important this ecological policy is while standing in the middle of a rain forest.

"It really made a profound impact on me about how important the environment really is. There's a real role for public policy in environmental issues," he said.

This will be the focal point of the

public policy class he will teach next spring. "I can tell you that in the syllabus there's going to be a requirement that you have hiking boots," he said. "We're going to go out and hike some. I want you to see the environment."

"We talk about noise or odor abatement laws and water quality laws and air quality laws and all that public policy; I want you to see that."

When Simpson returned from Costa Rica, he contacted Dr. John Messick, professor of biology, and obtained permission to enroll in Messick's General Ecology class. Although teaching 15 hours and taking a four-hour class with a three-hour lab is time consuming, Simpson said, "It's just been fascinating. It's been a great challenge for me."

Coming from a liberal arts background of "strictly political science and economics," taking soil samples is fascinating to Simpson.

"He thinks it's so exciting," Debra Meyer, senior biology major, said, "but we do this all the time."

In addition to being Simpson's lab partner, Meyer is also enrolled in his government class.

"I feel like I'm just tracking from her own experience," Simpson said. "I'm trying very hard to keep up with her."

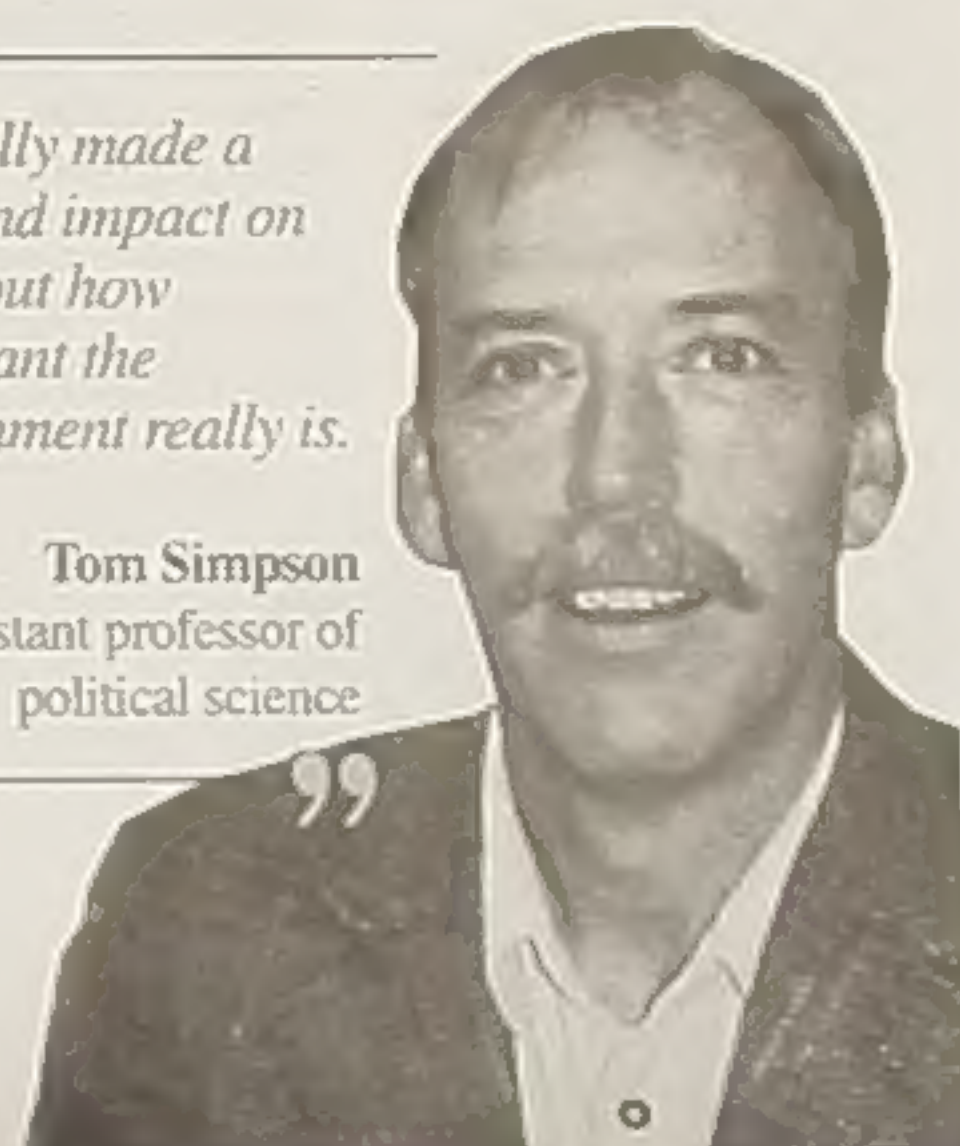
Simpson said when he first went to class, the students were indifferent to him but now expect him to pull his own load.

"It shows what kind of a person he is," Meyer said. "He's doing this for another class and he's taking the time to learn this."

"Inevitably, all of these disciplines are not separated," Simpson said. "They really do merge together. And wisdom is that merging, wisdom is when you can see things, patterns in these — and maybe that's what I'm trying to reach for." □

It really made a profound impact on me about how important the environment really is.

Tom Simpson
Assistant professor of political science



After hiking through Costa Rica's swampy rain forests, Tom Simpson, assistant professor of political science, has taken an interest in ecology.

SPEED READING

Class increases efficiency

New course grades on pass-fail system

By RHONDA CLARK
STAFF WRITER

In the fast-paced world of today, Speed Reading 105 provides techniques for fast absorption of facts.

"The course is designed for the good reader who wants to increase his or her speed for better efficiency," said Dr. Jan Holmes, reading specialist for the Learning Center.

The five-week class meets Tuesdays and Thursdays with the next session scheduled to begin Tuesday. For one hour of college credit, the course has a degree of flexibility to allow for goal setting. Students are graded on a pass-fail system.

"We wanted to offer a course for students who were heavy reading majors and preparing for graduate school," Holmes said.

The course is not for students who are having comprehension problems. Holmes said students read slowly because of habit or they have never learned the techniques for rapid reading. She

believes the class is timely.

"In this information age, being able to access and use information quickly is going to be a factor," Holmes said.

Students divide class time between a textbook and computer lessons. The textbook is a series of timed readings followed by questions for comprehension. On the computer, the student sets a speed recommended by the instructor. Words flash on the screen in a "short and quick" mode encouraging the use of peripheral vision.

"Students can read faster in the book because you have to tell a computer what to do," Holmes said.

She believes the computer is important because it is used in different fields.

Shawna Morris, a sophomore respiratory care major, said the course has been helpful in cutting her reading time by one fourth.

"I'm a slow reader," she said. "This was something to help move it along quicker."

Persons interested in enrolling in the next session should call the Learning Center at 625-9373. Class size is limited to 12 students. □

HIGHER EDUCATION BRIEFS

Effective communication topic for SEMO lectures

Two former presidents and two former administrators at Southeast Missouri State University will return to the campus April 9 to participate in the second annual Joseph H. Low, Jr. Lecture, sponsored by the Department of Speech Communication and Theatre.

Titled "Achievement Through Effective Communication: Three Decades of Excellence," the Low Lecture will feature a panel of speakers, including Dr. Kala Stroup, Missouri commissioner for high education; Dr. Bill Stacy, president of California State University-San Marcos; Dr. Les Cochran, president of Youngstown State University; and Dr. David Strand, president of Illinois State University.

"They will discuss the role of communication in administrative effectiveness," said Dr. Joe Low, Southeast professor of speech communication and theatre.

Dr. Dale Nitzschke, Southeast president, will serve as the responder.

Dr. Tom Harte, chair of the department of speech communication and theatre, will serve as moderator.

"This will give Dr. Nitzschke the opportunity to respond and comment on how he sees his presidency" in relation to the tenures of the featured panelists, which span more than 30 years of university history, Low said.

The lecture comes on the eve of the inauguration of Nitzschke as the 16th president of Southeast. He will be inaugurated April 10 during a ceremony in the Show Me Center.

"This is a natural bridge to the inauguration of our current president," Low said.

Stroup and Stacy are former Southeast presidents. Cochran served as university provost, and Strand as a vice president and chief academic officer.

"I think this is as close to a celebrity panel as we're likely to get," Harte said.

Two of the former administrators — Stroup and Stacy — have advanced have advanced degrees in speech communication. □

CMSU Technology Day to provide field insight

Technology Day, an event that will better acquaint state educators, business people, and the general public with the role and scope of technology on the Central Missouri State University campus, is planned for Tuesday, March 18.

This will be an opportunity for participants to learn more about Central's new statewide mission in technology, in addition to witnessing demonstrations of the university's present capacities in technology, and finding out more about the potential for distance learning.

All of this will be accomplished through guest speakers, panel discussions, tours, displays, and hands-on demonstrations.

Technology Day also provides an opportunity to clear up some public misperceptions about the job market waiting for students in four-year technology-related programs, according to Robyn Criswell-Bloom, Central's coordinator of distance learning.

"We want to help people get beyond the mindset that if you're going into automotive technology, you're going to be a mechanic, or if you're going into construction management, you're going to be hammering nails," Criswell-Bloom said.

Because the need for technical professionals extends across all academic disciplines, Criswell-Bloom said Central is making a strong effort to ensure that graduates are technology literate in their selected program areas.

Campus tours will show participants how technology is integrated throughout the curriculum, including teacher education, biology, mathematics, speech pathology and audiology, drafting, and more. □

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CAMPUS CALENDAR

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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23	24	25	26			

Today 20

Student Teaching Reception
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.—
Koinonia Lunch, basement of Stegge Hall
12:20 p.m.—
Model United Nations meeting, Webster Hall, Room 223
6:30 p.m.—
Fellowship of Christian Athletes meeting, BSC, 2nd floor lounge
7 p.m.—
Zeta Tau Alpha meeting, Panhellenic room
•Baptist Student Union, Thursday Night Together, BSU Building

Friday 21

Cadet Teacher's Day
11:00 a.m.—
Chi Alpha meeting, Webster Hall, Room 115
7 p.m.—
Cab Dinner Dance begins, BSC Connor Ballroom
•Cab presents X-Files movie marathon, SLC
•Langston Hughes celebration by Herbery Martin, Webster Hall auditorium

Saturday 22

1 p.m.—
Missouri Southern Lady Lion basketball vs. Pittsburg State, Young Gymnasium
3 p.m.—
Missouri Southern Lion basketball vs. Pittsburg State, Young Gymnasium

Sunday 23

6 p.m.—
Newman Club meeting, St. Peter's Catholic Church, 8th and Pearl
7 p.m.—
Sigma Pi meeting, Stegge Hall basement
•Alpha Sigma Alpha meeting, Panhellenic Room

Monday 24

MIAA begins Post-season play
•Sign-up for co-ed intramural bowling league begins, Pool and Racquetball Office
7 p.m.—
Baptist Student Union Quest Fellowship, Baptist Student Union Building
9 p.m.—
On-Campus Bible Study, Apt. H-7, Stone Hall

Tuesday 25

Ladies MIAA Post-season play begins
Noon—
Latter-Day Saints Student Association meeting, BSC, Room 313
12:20 p.m.—
College Republicans meeting, BSC, Room 311
2:15 p.m.—
Chi Alpha meeting, BSC, Room 311
7 p.m.—
Koinonia main meeting, College Heights Christian Church

Wednesday 26

Noon—
Psychology Club, Taylor Hall, Room 123
•CAB meeting, BSC 311

Attention:

Do you have an announcement pertaining to a campus organization? If so, please contact Ginny at 625-9311 to have your information put into the campus calendar.

CAMPUS ORGANIZATION

Advocate group heightens awareness

On-campus group sponsors speech by area pediatrician

By HEATHER DEMIER
STAFF WRITER

Missouri Southern's Student Coalition Against Child Abuse is designed to educate the public about child abuse and neglect.

The group schedules events, makes pamphlets available, and provides speakers as forms of education.

Dr. Fredric Wheeler II, pediatrician, spoke at a recent meeting about Shaken Baby Syndrome.

Nearly 40 people attended the presentation about retinal hemorrhages, a serious injury that can occur when a baby is shaken.

"Most kids that are victims of Shaken Baby don't have parents that really want to harm kids—they have parents that get frustrated," Wheeler said. "It is important that we learn to educate people

about that and educate parents about how to deal with their frustrations and anger so this doesn't happen."

The presentation was followed by several questions, as listeners asked about respite care (crisis nurseries), parenting classes, and counseling for low-income families.

Listeners agreed Wheeler's speech was both informative and beneficial, as he touched on a variety of child abuse topics.

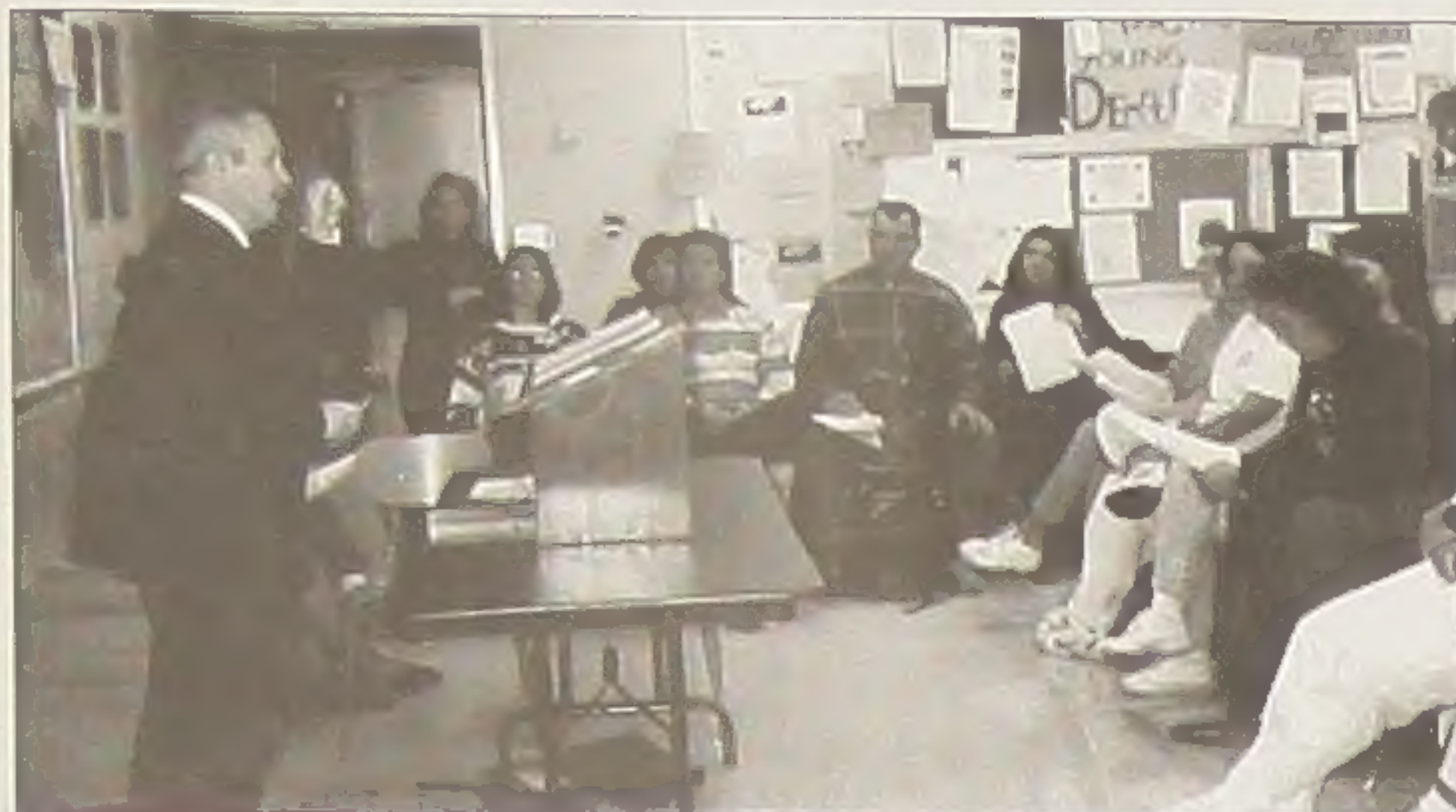
"It was very interesting to hear him talk about the difference between maltreatment and child abuse," said Jeannie Evans, senior sociology major.

The club's slogan, "It's OK To Tell," focuses on allowing people to talk about child abuse.

The slogan will also be the title of its upcoming newsletter.

"The more people talk about it, the more educated people get," said Katherine Ray, president of MSSCACA.

Ray said the group is planning several upcoming events, such as supplying age-appropriate activities for the children's waiting area at the courthouse.



Area pediatrician Fredric Wheeler II speaks to nearly 40 Missouri Southern students during a presentation sponsored by the Missouri Southern Coalition Against Child Abuse concerning dangers of baby-shaking.

It will also be selling blue ribbons to decorate Main Street for child abuse awareness in April, and is planning a Bowl-A-Thon to raise money for various organizations.

A recent fund-raiser, the Teddy Bear Campaign, was a success. The group will be donating the bears to the new Children's Center in Joplin.

MSSCACA meets the first

Thursday of every month at 2:30 p.m. in the Webster Hall second-floor student lounge.

The group invites anyone interested in joining in to visit a meeting. □

STUDENT FEATURE



Senior physics major Josiah Covert (left), and junior physics major Nathan Moss study for electronic circuits.

Schoolwork, church fill Covert's time

By GINNY DUMOND
CAMPUS EDITOR

When he accepts his diploma in May, Josiah Covert will be the only graduate from Missouri Southern's physics department in the last four semesters.

"I am absolutely excited about graduation," Covert said. "I was told I had the hardest major and have found that to be true."

"I'm currently applying to graduate schools all over the country," he said. "I'd like to receive a master's in severe-weather aspects or climatology."

Becoming a meteorologist will be part of a lifelong dream for Covert.

"To be a meteorologist has always been my goal," he said. "Physics has really been a pathway for me."

The difficult work schedule of a physics major and mathematics minor has had both benefits and drawbacks, according to Covert.

"I think that the rigorous schedule will help me considerably in graduate school," he said. "My biggest regret is that I've had to give up a lot in my social life."

Aside from schoolwork, Covert leads Chi Alpha campus ministry and helps with his church youth. He says

working for the church is fulfilling.

"I feel that I need to donate my energy to the one who gave me everything," Covert says.

Southern's physics department gets credit from Covert regarding his successful college career.

"What I like about the physics department is how personable and encouraging the professors are. We get a lot of one-on-one, partially because there are a low number of physics majors," Covert said.

"If there is one thing I will always remember Southern for," he said, "it's that I'm thankful for being taught how to learn." □

STUDENT LIFE

Students juggle work, household

By TERESA BLAND
STAFF WRITER

Helen Powers returned to school in January after a 29-year absence. The freshman communications major knew the first few weeks would be difficult for her.

"I was lost and couldn't get any help," she said. "Everybody is so young. I felt like they were looking at me, wondering what I was doing here."

On Tuesday, Powers attended the first meeting of a non-traditional support student group founded by Susan Craig, counselor/coordinator of College Orientation.

"I find that this particular group of students has some real specific things they like to talk about," Craig said. "I wanted to provide non-trads the opportunity to talk among each other because they often have their own solutions, develop their own resources, and help with each other's problems."

"It can make a difference on whether or not they stay in school."

Powers said some of the issues she deals with concerns the juggling of family, school, and work. "I need ideas and suggestions," she said.

Craig said the idea of a support group offers more flexibility.

"The beauty of the support group is that we can talk about the issues that the students want to talk about at that very moment," she said. "If a student comes in with a crisis or a particular situation, we can stop right there and talk about that issue."

"It's a forum for them."

Though the group is scheduled to meet for the next five weeks, Craig said student interest will determine the next steps.

"We're going to get started and see where it goes. If we need to go longer or reconvene, we'll keep those options open."

The support group meets in Hearnes Hall Room 211 from 12:30 to 1 p.m. Students may bring a brown bag lunch. □

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PHYSICAL PLANT

Custodian enjoys life in a small-town setting

By EILEEN COR
CHART REPORTER

Since his arrival as a young immigrant to America, Victor Alejandro's life has been a whirlwind of experience and hard work.

Alejandro was merely a 3-year-old in Puerto Rico when he, his two sisters, and mother went to Buffalo, N.Y., to join his father in their new home. The father had traveled ahead of the family in order to find a stable job.

"I don't know how we got here," Alejandro said. "I told my father I thought that he swam over and I was on his back, because I don't remember anything when I was 3."

Alejandro has been employed at Missouri Southern since May as a custodian in the Billingsly Student Center.

"The people I work with are great," he said. "Everybody I run into is on a first-name basis."

Alejandro is proud of the many compliments he receives on the cleanliness of the building.

"I like a comfortable atmosphere where you can work without being pressured," he said. "So far the only comments I've gotten is how clean the building is. I always put in 100 percent no matter where I worked and how much I got paid. I always try to do my best."

Alejandro is one of seven boys and three girls.

He lived in Buffalo for 45 years where he met his high school sweetheart, Ardean, whom he married after they both graduated. He then attended a year at a local business college and held a job in the optical business as a quality control inspector for the following 27 years.

His wife acquired a bachelor of science degree in nursing — specializing in obstetrics. She also minored in psychology and writing communications. She now works in Joplin as a nurse at Freeman Hospital and Health Systems.

Alejandro has three sons: Victor Jr., 32; Mike, 30; and Vinnie, 23.

"The two youngest joined the service," he said. "Both of them are married. Mike has two children and still lives in Buffalo. I

miss my grandchildren very much. Vinnie lives in Germany and will be moving to Texas soon."

Victor Jr. has Down syndrome and still lives with his parents.

"He has an incredible memory for music," Alejandro said. "He can tell you names of artists from the 1960s and 1970s."

Soon after Alejandro's two youngest sons grew up and went into the service, he and his wife went to Puerto Rico on vacation. It was the first time he had gone back since he came to the United States.

"It was an awesome sight to come in by airline and just hover on top of a small island you were born on," he said. "It was an incredible sight; everything was blue. It was an awesome feeling."

His sister, Norma Noland, secretary to Southern's music department, convinced Alejandro and his wife to move to Joplin.

"The winters were the worst part. They were getting longer," he said. "We like a little snow for Christmas, but not seven days a week, seven months out of the year." □



Victor Alejandro, College custodian, replaces a light bulb in Billingsly Student Center. He moved to Joplin to get away from the hustle and bustle of urban life in New York.

PHYSICAL PLANT



Jason Graves works as a receiving clerk, delivering packages to numerous buildings on campus, while seeking a degree in nursing.

Worker, student applies many trades

Employee does career about-face; discovers nursing

By LESLIE FLETCHER
CHART REPORTER

Fighting fires, chimney sweeping, and cleaning up blood, guts, and bones are only a few of the many jobs Jason Graves has held.

"I'm a jack of all trades and a master of none," he said laughing.

Graves started working as a part-time receiving clerk at Missouri Southern in September, but this is a walk in the park compared to some of the jobs he has held.

As a receiving clerk, it is Graves' job to deliver every package to each of the buildings on campus.

"Working as the receiving clerk, I get to play Santa Claus all year round," he said.

"People at the physical plant are great. Eric Edwards is one of the best bosses I've ever had."

This is not the only job Graves has right now.

He also is a full-time student at Southern working toward a degree in nursing and a full-time employee at Wal-Mart in the sporting goods section.

At the age of 27, Graves has already had considerable work experience.

After graduating from Carl Junction High School, he complet-

ed a year at Missouri Southern before joining the Air Force, where he traveled throughout the United States and London and was trained to fight fires and work as a first responder.

During his seven and a half years in the Air Force, Graves made rank sergeant.

"I've had lots of training, but fortunately we've never had any major accidents," he said.

Graves also spoke about a number of other jobs he has had.

"The most unusual job I've ever had was working in the surgery room at the hospital cleaning up blood, guts, and bones."

He also talked about working as a chimney sweeper and a substitute teacher for the Joplin schools.

"Being a chimney sweeper was a very dirty job."

"I would come home and all you could see was the whites of my eyes."

Along with all the jobs Graves has had, he also found the time to complete a mathematics degree at Central Missouri State University. He was able to apply his degree in the Air Force, but has now lost interest in math.

In the little spare time that Graves has, he enjoys fishing and repelling. He also enjoys flying.

If he could do anything or be anything, what would it be?

"A fighter pilot," he said quickly.

"If anybody wants to send me mach 2, I'm theirs," he said excitedly. □

BUSINESS OFFICE

Navy air crewman changes flight pattern

By MARILYN HAZBOUN
CHART REPORTER

Tracking Soviet submarines in the Arctic is the wildest job George (Terry) Chenoweth has had. "It was wild because at any moment someone in one of the submarines could push a button and wipe out half of the world," said Missouri Southern's new accounts payable clerk.

"It was exciting to think we could go out into millions of miles of ocean and find them (submarines)," he said. "We dropped microphones into the water and then identified the sounds."

Chenoweth joined the Navy after he received his first degree at Missouri Southern and worked at various jobs including Fred's Frozen Foods as a lab technician.

His father had been a Marine pilot in World War II. Chenoweth would have liked to have followed in his father's footsteps, but his vision was not good enough to qualify as pilot. He decided that becoming an air crewman would be as close to airplanes and flying as he could get.

Chenoweth graduated from Southern, the first time, in 1974 with a degree in biology. In 1990, he returned to Southern to work toward a second degree, this one in accounting.

"I did the mid-life career change that seems to be the in thing now," Chenoweth said, reflecting on the episode.

His first experience at Southern was different compared to his second. He went to day classes his first time at the College and night classes his second time around.

"The student body is much more conservative now than it was the first time I went to school," Chenoweth said. "You have people ages 20 to 70 in night classes, and everybody is not alike. You get to meet a huge variety of people."

With his accounting degree in hand, Chenoweth worked at Tamko Roofing. He maintained several different accounting functions while there. He left Tamko, explaining "my wife and I were in a slowing down mode, and those jobs were jobs where I was putting in a lot of hours."

Chenoweth and his wife then went to Hawaii for four and a half months.

"We were intending on staying there permanently or at least thinking about it, but family reasons brought us back — a new grand daughter and things like that," he said.

After returning to Joplin from Hawaii, Chenoweth accepted a temporary position at Southern filling in for Sherry Pennington while she was maternity leave.

However, a permanent job as accounts payable clerk became available. Chenoweth and his wife have three children and three grandchildren. His hobbies include hiking, camping, snorkeling, and a bit of fishing. □



Terry Chenoweth, a 1974 graduate of Missouri Southern, returned to college in 1990 to take night classes and seek an accounting degree.

PHYSICAL PLANT



Eric Edwards works in receiving at Missouri Southern. He enjoys the benefits the College offers.

Edwards' hobby includes classics

By BENJI TUNNELL
CHART REPORTER

It is important to have a life well-balanced between work, family, and recreation. No one knows that better than Eric Edwards.

Edwards, central receiving coordinator, divides his time between his family, job, and love of collecting and restoring classic cars.

He left his job as warehouse manager at Battery Warehouse when he saw an ad in *The Joplin Globe*. He answered the ad and was hired in August.

"I wanted better benefits and more job security," Edwards said.

Another job he has held was that of drill rig operator for Bruce Williams Laboratories.

He became a drill rig operator two days after he started the job. With no previous experience, he was called upon to learn it quickly when the regular operator suffered a mishap.

He doesn't miss his previous jobs,

however, Edwards is happy to be working at Missouri Southern.

"I like the camaraderie with the other employees. It's like a family," Edwards has about 70 credit hours at Southern.

He plans one day to return to school after his wife has finished her degree.

"I'd like to finish my degree," he said. "I don't know which one I want yet. I'll finish the Auto CADD or get a business degree, whichever one would suit the College's needs."

Edwards also enjoys collecting and restoring classic cars.

He is restoring a 1931 Essex three-window coupe, a 1972 Chevy four-wheel drive, and a 1950 Studebaker pickup. The Essex is what he is currently working on.

"It's awful rare, so parts are hard to find."

He spends most of his summers going to swap meets and car shows looking for parts.

Edwards shows his cars as well

He has won several awards and best of shows with the Chevy and a 1969 Camaro he recently sold.

"The whole family is involved. They have stuff for the kids. There's stuff for the family to do together. There's not too many things you can really say you can do that with anymore, where the whole family can be involved."

The shows have driving contests, Hula Hoop contests, egg toss contests, and activities for the whole family.

Aside from restoring and showing the Essex, Edwards' goals are to finish his degree and someday return to Hawaii.

He first traveled to Hawaii on his honeymoon and says he wants to go back.

As Edwards anticipates returning to school one day, he advises students to stay with school and not to quit.

"It's a lot harder to start back when you're older than it is when you're young," he says. □

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Joplin Kiwanis Club joins fight against IDD

The Kiwanis Club of Joplin is joining thousands of other Kiwanis Clubs in a campaign to eliminate iodine deficiency disorders (IDD) as a world health problem by the year 2000.

Iodine is an essential micro nutrient in the human diet.

A person needs a total of just one teaspoon of iodine, spread over a lifetime. But its lack can cause mental retardation, stillbirths, and a wide variety of other serious disabilities.

Iodine deficiency is the leading preventable cause of mental and physical retardation in the world today.

In partnership with UNICEF, Kiwanis Clubs are pledging to raise \$75 million to install and maintain salt iodization facilities in IDD-affected areas around the world, provide other remedial treatments, and educate at-risk populations about the value of iodized salt in their diets.

International film star Roger Moore is serving as honorary chairman of the campaign.

"IDD has been documented for at least 4,000 years," said Randy Evans, president of the Joplin Kiwanis Club.

"During that time, millions of human beings have failed to live fully productive lives because of iodine deficiency."

The Joplin Kiwanis will raise funds for this project while also helping the environment.

The club will donate all money raised from its paper recycling drive to the IDD campaign.

Papers may be dropped off 24 hours per day, at the north end of the police department parking lot, in the CFI truck. Persons with questions about this project or dropping off papers may contact the office of the chief of police, at 623-3131, Ext. 400. □

Health operation offers free public screenings

A free immunization and health screening will be offered through Operation Community Health from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

The screening will be held at Park Academy, 102 Schifferdecker, Joplin.

Screenings offered include cholesterol, blood pressure, and blood sugar checks.

This month will also feature a spirometry screen, which involves testing for lung capacity.

Operation Community Health is sponsored by Mercy Regional Health Foundation and St. John's Regional Medical Center. It is a project motivated by Vision Health's goals for community wellness.

It uses volunteers from R-VIII Schools, Joplin Practical Nursing Program, St. John's Regional Medical Center, Missouri Nurses Association, Joplin's business community, and Joplin Emergency Medical Services.

For more information, persons may contact St. John's public relations department at 625-2261. □

Joplin resident's vehicle hit by approaching train

A Joplin-area resident was hospitalized after his automobile was broadsided by an oncoming train at approximately 8:30 a.m. Monday.

The accident occurred on Newman Road, less than two miles east of Joplin, said the Missouri Highway Patrol.

Greg Sharkey, 30, Joplin route 7, was taken to St. John's Regional Medical Center for treatment of minor injuries after his vehicle failed to yield to the approaching train.

The engineer of the train, Duane Larrabee, 35, Carthage, was not injured in the collision. □

JOPLIN BUSINESS

Coffee house facing possible eviction

The Java House may soon be forced to close its doors

By SCOTT FRANCIS
STAFF WRITER

The Java House, Joplin's only coffee house night spot, may soon be no more than a happy memory.

Virginia Place, Inc., the company that owns the building in which the Java House is located, recently signed a five-year lease with the Red Onion Café for 201, 203, and 205 E. Fourth St. The lease includes both the Java House and the office of Merry Maids, located next door.

Brook Drumm, co-owner of the Java House, said he investigated some rumors about the Red

Onion's interest in their location over a month ago. Drumm said he was assured by Red Onion owner David Blum and by Virginia Place owners Ralph Waggoner and Darrell Galbraith that no action was pending.

"We received the eviction notice on Feb. 14," Drumm said, "and we had no idea this was coming; it's going to be impossible for us to find a new location, move out, move in, remodel, and open in the time we've got. We don't have enough capital to survive a month of downtime."

Blum said he had three reasons for changing locations.

"We were looking for more space, as well as more convenient parking and the possibility of a liquor license at our new location," he said.

The current municipal parking serving the Red Onion Café has

approximately 170 spaces, including a half-dozen handicapped spots, while the parking lot serving the Java House has about 120 spaces, with about the same number of disabled spots.

According to city ordinance, no restaurant may serve alcohol within 150 feet of any church, school, or hospital without written permission of such institution. The Red Onion's current location, on the same block as Central Christian Center, prohibits it from obtaining a liquor license.

"It's kind of sad that the Java House is getting the boot over the issue of alcohol," said Robert Moss, a sophomore undecided major at Missouri Southern.

"I think it's a pretty raw deal all the way around. Joplin doesn't need another restaurant serving alcohol, but it does need the Java House." □



Good conversation while sipping coffee is just one of the many activities the Java House may no longer be able to offer to customers such as (left to right) Barbara O'Dell, Kelly Draeger, Tom Draeger, and baby Michael O'Dell who enjoyed the casual atmosphere provided earlier this fall.

MAIN STREET SPOTLIGHT



Sheri Nolen, an employee of Fairies and Dreams, located at 950 Main Street in Joplin, enjoys providing a healthy escape for Joplin shoppers in addition to a greater awareness of the mysterious. The store has been open since Oct. 15.

TIM WILSON/
The Chart

Joplin store supplies mystic escape

By SCOTT HAAR
STAFF WRITER

Deep within the heart of Joplin's downtown, where the modernization of human civilization masks any face of the mysterious, another realm grabs the people's 9-to-5 lifestyles.

"It came to me in a dream," said Barbara Lichtenstein, owner of Fairies and Dreams.

She recalls after moving to Joplin from Tennessee she was haunted by the words "fairies and dreams" in her sleep.

Those words inspired her to open Fairies and Dreams at 950 Main in

Joplin. Since Oct. 15, Lichtenstein has offered the Joplin area anything from fairies to dragons to angels.

Lichtenstein said she is not sure why people are drawn to the mysterious.

"Most people do not know much about dragons, angels, or unicorns," she said.

"A lot of times a person's interest will switch from a dragon stage to a fairy stage and so on."

She said an interest in these and related areas such as role-playing games are much healthier than escapism through alcohol or drug abuse.

Lichtenstein said if she could describe her business in one word, it would be "unique."

Unique could also describe Lichtenstein.

She has used her registered nurse skills to attend to the needs of HIV-positive patients; aid in ultrasound; develop health profiling management systems for Johnson and Johnson Health Care Systems; and work in the areas of obstetrician and gynecologist assistance, volunteer fire fighting, automotive mechanic assistance, as well as all areas of counseling.

Lichtenstein said she would like to get back into the counseling profession at some point in her life.

For now, she will continue to supply the consumer with the mysterious. □

JOPLIN RESTAURANT

Butkievich launches new eatery

By KIM GIBSON
STAFF WRITER

Ed Butkievich, former food service director at Missouri Southern, has moved on to a new territory in the food trade. He opened his new family-style restaurant Feb. 7.

Butkievich and his wife, Shannon, wanted to "take an adventure into something new" after he was dismissed by AmeriServe, Southern's food contractor, in November. They decided to open Main Street Cafe at 2830 S. Main St.

The restaurant has a home-style atmosphere with a menu designed to appeal to Joplin residents.

"People are looking for a casual

place where it's not expensive," Butkievich said.

"It's homier instead of corporate," said Jeannine Coles, a customer.

Part of the appeal of the restaurant is the variety in selecting the food.

"These other food services say, 'You can't substitute this, you can't substitute that.' So we're here to take care of the customers," Butkievich said.

The food is specially prepared to the tastes of the customer at the time the order is placed. Butkievich said he didn't have that atmosphere in his 15 years of service at Southern, where the food is pre-cooked. "There's too many kids," he said. "You just can't do it."

Main Street Cafe has been relying on word-of-mouth advertising by donating a four-food sandwich to a different area business each week to let people know about the restaurant.

"It's a marketing tool for advertising for us," Butkievich said. "It's a lower cost than magazines or some other places."

So far, his venture in entrepreneurship has been promising. The restaurant was packed three nights last week.

"The turnout has been great so far, so I'm pleased with it," Butkievich said.

As a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, N.Y., Butkievich has qualifications



Ed Butkievich, former College food director, now owns Main Street Cafe.

in the field of food preparation.

"Some people think the food business is easy, but it's really not," he said. "You've got to know what's going on. You've got to know how to buy, you've got to know what to prepare, you've got to see what the

people want. You can't force people to come into your restaurant if they don't want to eat it." The restaurant is open from 7 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday and 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. □

COMMUNITY GROUP

Motherhood group offers support, love

By LINDA WHITED
STAFF WRITER

For the past 10 years, a nationwide mother- and child-centered organization has been working to keep families growing together.

Moms Offering Moms Support (MOMS) benefits the stay-at-home mother with ongoing activities for the family unit.

Joplin's chapter, founded in September 1996, now lists 25 members.

"I wouldn't trade the motherhood experience for the world," said Kathy Nicodemus, MOMS member and mother of 1-year-old Samantha. "The group has honestly made me a better person. Samantha and I are both mentally stimulated since we've been involved in MOMS."

Nicodemus, a graduate of Southwest Missouri State University, was employed in public relations for Branson country music entertainer Jim Stafford. After the birth of her daughter, she said, her profession "took a back seat."

The Joplin group consists of women of all ages, backgrounds, and income levels.

"We have ladies like myself, 24 years old and giving birth to their first child, and mothers who are 40 years old and having a first baby," Nicodemus said.

Group president Kitty Oberg said most of the members are Christians or were raised in a Christian environment.

"They feel a child is a gift from God," she said. "That belief frames mothers' personal decisions to stay at home caring for their children."

Even though it provides support for mothers, Oberg said MOMS gives back to the community.

"We are a philanthropic organization," she said. "We teach our children to support the community and give back a portion of our time and talents."

The group held its first fund-raiser in December and is planning a spring yard sale. Oberg said the proceeds will be donated to various women's charities.

The group holds its business meeting on the first Wednesday of the month where members plan events and news concerning newborns.

"We have a huge pot of parenthood information," Nicodemus said. A monthly newsletter, organized by Oberg, also keeps members informed.

Interested stay-at-home moms can contact Oberg at (417) 624-8240. □

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Radio consolidation brews controversy

By TAMMY SPICER
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. —

Later this year, if someone calls the Missouri State Highway Patrol Troop D satellite office in Carthage, they may actually be talking with someone in Springfield, but not if Sen. Marvin Singleton (R-Seneca) has anything to say about it.

"We plan to consolidate communications," said Col. Fred Mills, superintendent of the highway patrol.

Singleton said the consolidation is an effort to save money by doing away with the Carthage satellite.

The idea for the consolidation began about two years ago and was driven by trying to simply improve communications in the area, Mills explained.

"We wanted to eliminate most of the dead spots," he said.

A dead spot is a geographic area where radio transmissions cannot be sent or received.

During the process, it evolved that a person can remote radio transmissions to another facility, Mills said, comparing it with the consolidation required for 911 calls, where information comes in and is sent to where it is needed.

There are two things people want when they call the highway patrol, Mills said: one, for someone to answer the phone; and two, to get the service they need.

Significant facts about Troop D:

■ Stats are compared to other statewide troops.

Largest Fatality Accident Rate: 164 in 1995

Largest increase of hazardous moving violations arrests occurred in 1994-95

Largest Area: 10,781 square miles

Largest number of holiday accidents: 114 — Memorial Day, 1995

Fastest Growth Rate: 15-20% during past 10 years

The people of southwest Missouri will have an opportunity to voice their opinion. Singleton has recently sent out a questionnaire to his constituents asking for input on this subject and others.

He also sent a letter to all the elected officials in his area Wednesday asking for their contribution to this important decision, he said.

There are several reasons that the satellite should be left as it is or improved, said Singleton.

First, Troop D covers 10,781 square miles, the largest in the state.

Second, the troop has the largest fatality accident rate.

Third, Troop D has the largest number of holiday accidents with the satellite recording nearly half of them. Fourth, some counties within Troop D have had a growth rate of 15 to 20 percent, making it one of the fastest-

growing areas in the state. Fifth, between 1994 and 1995, Troop D had the largest increase of hazardous moving violations arrests. And sixth, the southwest Missouri area has the largest amount of drug trafficking.

Mills said the consolidation would save money because it would avoid duplication of radio consoles and computer equipment. He also said even if money was unlimited he would still want the consolidation because it's the right thing to do.

"It doesn't take as many personnel," Mills said. "It allows a radio operator in one location to talk on any frequency. There will be no degradation in the quality of the signal."

The satellite office, which covers Vernon, Barton, Jasper, Newton, and McDonald counties, would still be open during normal working hours and will continue to be supervised by a lieutenant, according to Mills.

Any calls to the office after hours would automatically be forwarded to Springfield.

"In the future, due to the fastest growth rate, there is some sentiment that Troop D should be divided into two troops," Singleton said. "This sentiment is not shared by the headquarters of the highway patrol."

Troop D currently consists of 18 counties, with the satellite facility being responsible for five of them.

A new troop would possibly consist of Dade, Lawrence, Jasper, Newton, McDonald, Barton, Vernon, and Barry counties, according to a letter written by Mills to Singleton early this year. The superintendent attended a meeting in Joplin Friday discussing the communications consolidation and expects it to happen sometime this summer.

"There is still time for the legislature to help solve this situation," Singleton said. "I am willing to work with the patrol to help them achieve their goals."

Mills said he believes the people of Missouri want more troopers, and he has made this one of his priorities. As second ranking Republican on the appropriations committee, Singleton said he is ready to do everything he can to help the patrol and keep the communications center in Carthage.

"I am more than willing to sit down and come to some type of understanding," Singleton said.

While the topic will be hitting close to home, the real decision making will be done in Jefferson City. □

STATE NEWS BRIEFS

House perfects food tax, Senate will decide fate

The House of Representatives has perfected a bill to eliminate the three-cent state sales tax on food. The bill now moves to the Senate before it can be enacted into law.

"This measure is moving forward with bipartisan cooperation to save Missouri's families money on groceries which would result in about two weeks of free groceries for every Missourian," said House minority floor leader Mark Richardson (R-Poplar Bluff). "This plan would provide assistance to our families and would ensure affordability of necessities."

The bill had overwhelming support from members of the House when it was filed with about 140 co-sponsors. In the governor's state of the state address, he said the tax elimination would be one of his main goals.

Debate on the House floor centered around extending the bill to include food served in restaurants, but the bill was passed without the provision. □

State plans to eliminate three Missouri holidays

State workers may notice a change in their work schedule next year. A Senate measure introduced last week would eliminate three state holidays not normally observed by private business.

Under the measure, Lincoln's Birthday, Truman's Birthday, and Columbus Day would be eliminated as state holidays. In return, the Friday after Thanksgiving would be made a holiday and state workers would receive two personal days off per year that could be taken at the worker's discretion.

"This measure would allow us to increase the number of days state offices are open in exchange for a more widely recognized holiday and giving state workers two paid personal days off per year," said Sen. Wayne Goode (D-Norland), who introduced the measure. "This will increase services without increasing costs."

Goode noted the measure also will help address criticism and concerns regarding the number of legal holidays currently on the books in Missouri. If approved, the measure would reduce the number of state holidays from 13 to 11. The change would better coordinate state holidays with those observed by businesses in the state. It also would increase the flexibility state workers have in choosing when they would like to take personal time away from work.

"We believe this measure meets the test of improving services and being fair with state employees," Goode said. "It's a win-win proposal for the citizens and state workers alike." □

Legislative research prints bill in Braille

The first piece of legislation to be produced in Braille by the Missouri General Assembly was presented to the National Federation of the Blind on Wednesday.

The joint committee on legislative research appropriated the funding last year so legislation written in Braille could be obtained. The first bill requested was presented to the group by Sen. Harry Wiggins (D-Kansas City) and Rep. Larry Thomason (D-Keokuk), the chairman and vice-chairman of the joint committee on legislative research.

The committee is in the process of acquiring five other House and Senate bills in Braille for the organization. This new service, which offers access to legislation that was previously unavailable to people who are visually impaired, is now a reality due to the committee's decisions to allocate the necessary funds, according to information from House Speaker Steve Gaw (D-Moberly). □

LEGISLATION

Bill offers faculty, students voice on Board of Regents

By TAMMY SPICER
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. —

Faculty members soon may have a voice, and student representatives would be allowed into closed Missouri Southern Board of Regents meetings if bills introduced in the House of Representatives and Senate pass this legislative session.

"The two most important groups at any college are the students and teachers," said Rep. Craig Hosmer (D-Springfield). "Everyone else is really facilitators for them."

This is the fifth year Hosmer has sponsored a bill dealing with faculty and student representation on the governing boards of public universities and colleges in Missouri.

A Senate version bill has been filed by Ken Jacob (D-Columbia), which is similar to Hosmer's.

Rep. Ted Farnen (D-Mexico) also has filed a bill with the only difference relating to the University of Missouri. Hosmer's bill calls for a faculty representative from each of the four campuses while Farnen's bill rotates the faculty position between the campuses.

Because the board currently has a student representative that rotates from each of the campuses, Hosmer said it may be more feasible to do the same with the faculty.

While the governing boards already have a student representative as a member, some meetings may be closed to them, he said.

"Right now there are certain meetings that governing boards can close. They usually relate to personnel or property," Hosmer explained.

"A lot of decisions are made in closed meetings that effect policy. Students and faculty have a right to have their say," he said.

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In the entire time students have been sitting with the governing board, there has never been a problem with the student doing anything wrong or improper, Hosmer said. Quite the contrary, all reports have been positive, he said. The relationship between the board and student body has been improved.

All of the bills filed call for the student and faculty representatives to be non-voting members of the board.

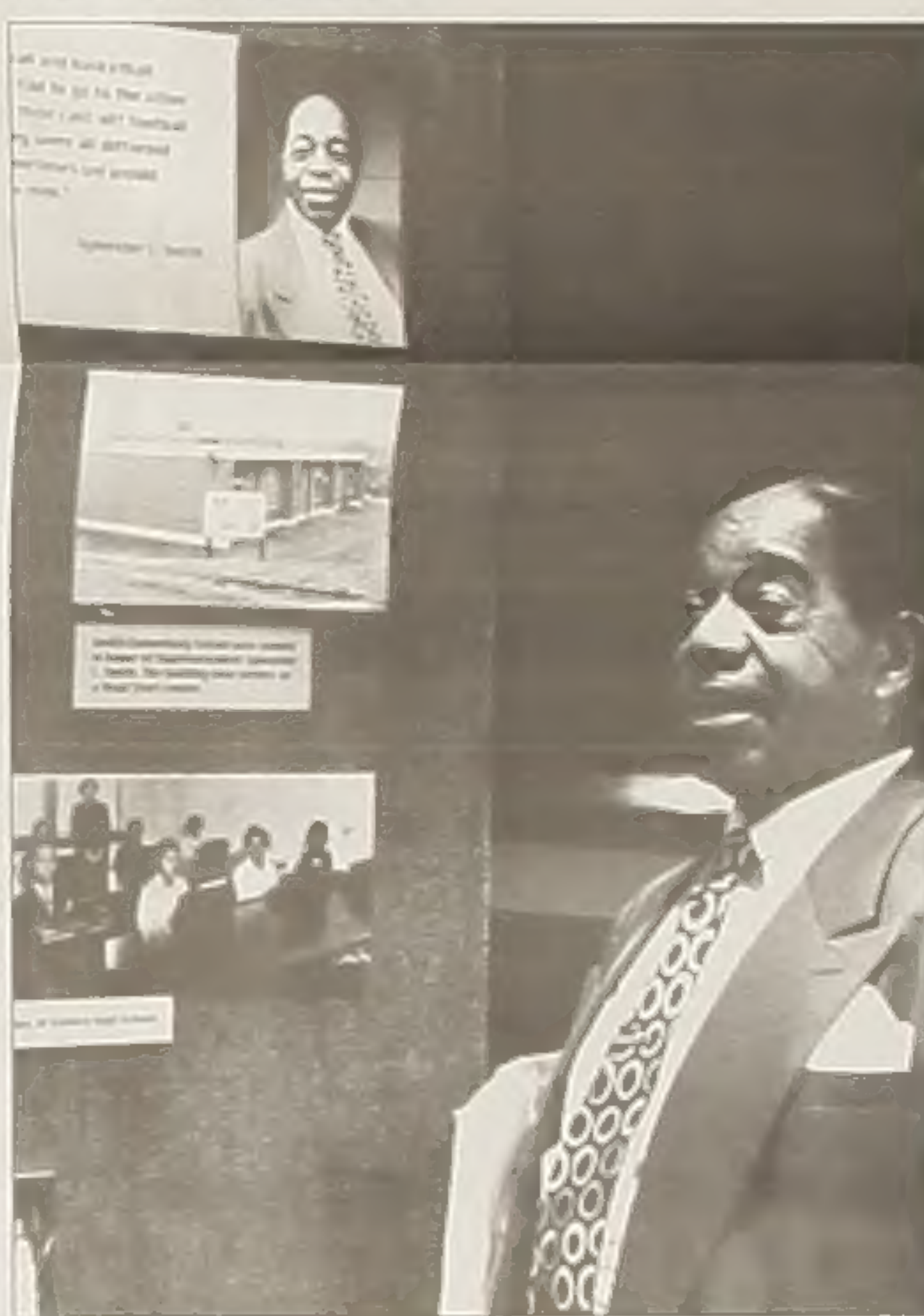
"I don't think faculty or the students would want the right to vote," Hosmer said. "But they should have input."

Hosmer said one of the main reasons the bill has not been passed before is because some people say faculty members are employees and should not be involved in the decision-making process of the board.

In the past, bills he has sponsored have been successful on the House side of the Capitol but have never left the Senate, he said.

"I think sometimes it takes people a while to get used to an idea," he said. "But I think eventually the system works." □

A LIVING HISTORY



Sylvester L. Smith, a Kinloch resident, visits the exhibit, "Kinloch: Celebrating Missouri's Historical Black Communities," put on by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. The exhibit, part of DNR's commemoration of Black History Month, is located in the Capitol's first floor rotunda and will be open through June 23.

TAMMY SPICER/The Chart

LOBBYING

Southern organization to focus on children during visit

Jefferson City trip helps students understand legislative process

By TAMMY SPICER
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. —

While most Missouri Southern students will be in class today, members of the Missouri Southern Student Coalition Against Child Abuse (MSSCACA) will be in Jefferson City lobbying for the rights of children.

"It is important to let students get a feel of what takes place [at the State Capitol]," said Dr. Richard Miller, head of the social science department and MSSCACA adviser.

The group had an earlier trip planned that was canceled due to bad weather, but response from Jefferson City had members excited to make today's trip, according to Katherine Ray, sociology and criminal justice major and president of MSSCACA.

One of the main reasons for the visit to the Capitol was to visit Sen. Marvin Singleton (R-Seneca) and area representatives. MSSCACA was interested in find out where the legisla-

tors stand on issues before them relating to child advocacy and abuse, Miller said.

"We've updated ourselves on legislation, although we have decided as a group not to take a position on any of the bills," Ray said. "We want to get a feeling of how things are going."

In addition to visiting with legislators, the group of about 15 also will tour the Capitol, sit in on House and Senate sessions, and meet with the Missouri Chapter of the National Committee to Prevent Child Abuse, Miller said.

"I want to learn the process," Ray said. "I've studied it and read about it, and now I want to see it in action."

This trip will help the MSSCACA become more legitimate in the General Assembly, Ray explained. In the future, members plan to serve as representatives of the Joplin area on various child abuse and advocacy issues.

"When we get back, we want to help educate the students in Missouri Southern with some of the material we receive," Ray said.

The group started organizing in July when several students approached Miller to become the group's adviser because they thought he would be an appropriate person, Ray said.

"I was teaching a course in child abuse, and several of the students were dismayed that there was nothing students could do to help," Miller said.

In October, the organization was officially recognized by

Missouri Southern. Today members number near 40 with most being sociology and criminal justice majors, but they have seen interest from all over the campus, Ray said.

"Our primary goal of the group is to educate and make people aware of child abuse," she said.

"We really hope to be an interdisciplinary organization," Miller said.

One way members hope to achieve that goal is by bringing in a variety of speakers such as pediatricians, social workers, and attorneys.

Another activity sponsored by MSSCACA was a teddy bear drive in December. More than \$200 was raised, with various area stores donating the stuffed animals to be given to traumatized children.

"We are a passive-activist group," Miller said. "We want to be involved, but we don't offer actual services."

During the month of April, MSSCACA will be kicking off a local slogan that it hopes will go statewide.

Members will focus on teaching children that "It's OK to tell."

"We are trying to educate the public through the slogan," Ray said. "We will be providing a lot of educational material to everyone."

The police department and several local agencies are supporting the group, according to Miller. □

Sports SCOPE

One last trip down creek of depravity

Look, there's no point in beating around the bush. This year's Missouri Southern basketball season was just dismal. No one can argue about that.

The high point of the season was when the female number of cheerleaders finally equalled the amount of male cheerleaders.

Prior to that feat, the pep band's performances of "Come Out and Play" were the benchmark of the year.

Obviously the strategies initiated at the beginning of the season don't need to be repeated. As for men's coach Robert Corn, the strategies of the last four seasons need not be repeated.

In the end, this season will amount to the worst in Corn's Southern career.

Since proving to be a formidable power during the 1992-93 season, the Lions have become tamed and after this season no longer deserve to be labeled as such.

Maybe "Runt-of-the-litter Cubs" would be a better mascot.

I know I'll have to explain myself, for truly this is a back-handed compliment. Although the team lacks power, size, and ball-handling skills, it still has heart and the guys have shown high levels of determination at times.

Now, if they had a coach who could turn their enthusiasm into more victories, the games would be something to watch. Coaches have to work with what they have and not try to make their team something it can't be.

Nobody in the athletic department can possibly be happy with the production of the men's basketball team this year. Recruiting was horrible, but it cannot be blamed on Corn. Young Gym is probably the hardest sell outside of Lincoln University.

Two of this year's top recruits quit midstream during the now-annual trip down the creek of depravity. At the beginning of the season, Corn was asked if he thought he was under any pressure to produce a winning team. He dodged the question by saying winning should not be forced down the throats of his players. Maybe someone should have forced the idea down Corn's throat.

Four straight seasons of sub-par performances would be enough to buy any other coach a ticket to Nowheresville, but Corn seems to be safe. Jim Frazier, men's athletic director, said in November there was "zero pressure" on Corn to produce. Therein lies the problem. If the athletic director doesn't feel the need to have a winning team, why should the team perform?

Do not speak to me about graduation rates. Students of college's are expected to graduate.

Corn's career record at Southern is now just one game above .500. A loss against Pittsburg State Saturday will place him firmly in the mediocre category.

For now, though, seats are plentiful and there are plenty of places to put your coat during the game. Not being named "Fan of the Game" is not so bad, there is plenty of room to recline in the stands.

There is room for change. There is a need for change. There has to be a change.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



Southern junior guard KaTonya Samuels goes over Missouri-Rolla's junior guard Emily Mills. The Lady Lions downed the Lady Miners 62-52.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Lions down Miners; playoffs within reach

By JASON OWEN
SPORTS EDITOR

Taking control from the beginning, the Missouri Southern Lions took another step toward a post-season berth as they downed the University of Missouri-Rolla Miners 83-65 Wednesday night.

Southern is now 6-11 in the MIAA and 9-16 overall.

"I'm really proud of our team's effort tonight," said head coach Robert Corn.

"We have worked hard all year, and we are close to seeing it pay off."

The Lions are, in fact, just one game away from qualifying for the post-season tournament. That one game, however, is against second-place Pittsburg State (13-4 MIAA, 19-6 overall).

"This certainly gives us more incentive as Pittsburg comes to our place Saturday," Corn said. "As if you need any incentive when you play Pittsburg. Anytime you play them there is a lot to play for."

UPCOMING GAMES

Lions vs. Pitt. State, 3 p.m. Saturday, Young Gym.

Southern had a solid night as five players ended up in double figures. Matt Olson led the way with 15 points and eight rebounds. He said this win came at just the right time.

"We needed this win big time," Olson said. "We knew our backs were against the wall tonight, and I really think we responded well."

Mario Phillips and Carlos Newberry had 12 points each, while Allan Brown and Brian Taylor chipped in with 11 and 10, respectively.

MEN'S INDOOR TRACK

Southern gears up for MIAA conference championships

By TRAVIS CAGLE
STAFF WRITER

With the conference indoor track meet on tap at Central Missouri State University this weekend,

Missouri Southern's men's track team is depending on its freshmen runners.

With a strong upper class, head coach Tom Rutledge is hoping the freshmen will step up and score some valuable points for the Lions.

Victory extends season

Williams sparks win; Lady Lions qualify for post-season play

By JASON OWEN
SPORTS EDITOR

In a game that went down to the wire, the Missouri Southern Lady Lions downed Missouri-Rolla 62-52 at Young Gymnasium Wednesday night.

The win, which improved Southern's record to 12-13 overall and 7-10 in the MIAA, clinched a play-off berth for the Lady Lions.

"I really feel good about this win," said head coach Carrie Kaifes.

"This is a big win, and should carry over positively into the Pittsburg State game."

The Lady Lions face PSU Saturday at Young Gymnasium to end the regular season. The MIAA post-season playoffs begin Tuesday with Southern on the road.

Southern looked sluggish in the first half, converting only 38 percent of its shots from the floor while trailing 30-26.

"We just couldn't get anything going," said senior guard Nicole Heinz. "Everything was pretty blah in the first half."

Noticably quiet in the first half

was senior forward Marie Scott, who went into the locker room with no rebounds and only four points.

"I told Marie straight out that she had no rebounds," Kaifes said. "She was taking tests all day and that may have hurt her a little, but I had to tell her she just wasn't playing well."

The second half was a different story as Scott came out to score 13 points and pull down five rebounds.

"I really started out slow in the first half," she said.

"I knew that I had to come out and really work to get open in the second half."

Southern battled for control in the opening moments of the half, but the later it got, the bleaker it began to look for the Lady Lions. But at the 3:12 mark, a Scott lay-up brought the Lady Lions to within 47-45.

"We were really looking for something to happen," Heinz said. "We needed something to happen."

A 3-pointer from sophomore guard Megan Williams put Southern up by one.

The following in-bounds pass was stolen by Heinz, who then took it in for a lay-up. Another lay-up by junior guard KaTonya Samuels finished the scoring flurry, as Southern took 28 seconds to

UPCOMING GAMES

Lady Lions vs. Pitt State, 1 p.m. Saturday, Young Gym.

score seven points and take a 52-47 lead.

"That was one of the best few seconds of basketball I have ever seen," Kaifes said. "The 3 was really big; it turned everything around."

Heinz, who finished with 10 points, said that series was the spark the team had been seeking.

"It really got us going," she said. "It got us into it, and it really got the crowd into it. I mean, we went from being down by two to being up by five in no time at all."

Kaifes said that this game also showed her what the team needed to work on.

"Our defense was not what it should have been at times," she said. "They were open a lot when they should not have been." □

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Breakdown strands Lady Lions

Once again a Missouri Southern bus has broken down as it carried Southern athletes to their destination.

This time the Lady Lion basketball team, on the way to Kirksville Friday, was left stranded.

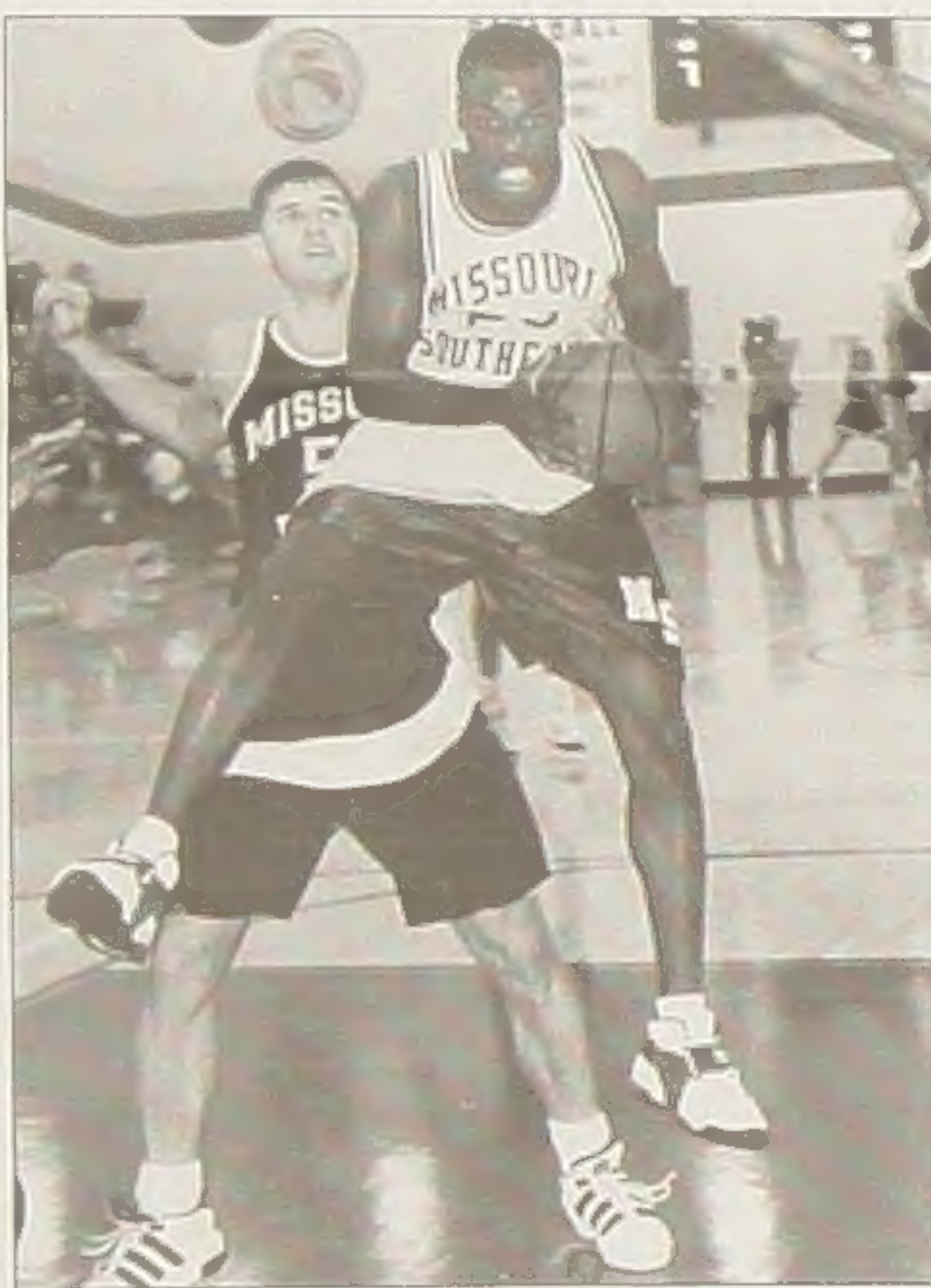
"We were four miles outside of Butler, Mo., when the fan clutch sheared off," said bus driver Jamie Burnham. "We pulled off in Butler to get that fixed and called the men's team."

"The men's team arrived just as we got that fixed. So we told them to follow us, just in case. They did for a little while, but then passed us and went on."

Ten minutes later our radiator blew, and we were stranded."

Nicole Heinz, senior Lady Lion guard, said while they were not late, they were certainly inconvenienced.

"We walked about a mile to the Days Inn," she said. "We had to walk over the interstate carrying all of our luggage with us. It was really horrible." □



Lion sophomore forward Brian Taylor pulls down a rebound in Missouri Southern's 83-65 victory over the University of Missouri-Rolla.

Southern Scoreboard

Men's Basketball

MIAA	MIAA Standings	MIAA	MIAA Stats
Through Feb. 18	(Conf, Overall)		
1. Washburn	14-2, 20-7		
2. Pittsburg State	13-4, 19-6		
3. Missouri Western	11-5, 17-7		
4. Central Missouri	11-5, 19-8		
5. Emporia State	10-6, 15-9		
6. Northwest Missouri	7-9, 10-14		
7. Missouri-Rolla	6-10, 14-10		
8. Truman State	6-10, 10-14		
9. Missouri Southern	5-11, 8-16		
10. Southwest Baptist	4-13, 9-14		
11. Lincoln University	3-14, 5-20		
		Scoring (per game)	
		1. Bule, Dan, Jr., WU - 23.8	
		2. Turner, Orville, Sr., CMSU - 21.8	
		3. Keeler, Eric, Sr., MWSC - 19.9	
		4. Rivers, Antonio, Jr., CMSU - 18.0	
		Rebounds (per game)	
		1. Bule, Dan, Jr., WU - 9.0	
		2. Pinder, Ian, Jr., SBU - 8.52	
		3. Harkess, Scott, So., ESU - 8.46	
		3-pointers made (percentage)	
		1. Massey, Michael, Sr., ESU - 42.6	
		2. Holloway, Tim, Sr., UMR - 41.3	
		3. Ray, Greg, Sr., MSSC - 41.1	

Women's Basketball

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2. Central Missouri	12-5, 18-5		
3. Washburn	11-5, 18-6		
4. Pittsburg State	11-5, 18-7		
5. Emporia State	10-6, 17-7		
6. Southwest Baptist	10-7, 16-9		
7. Northwest Missouri	8-8, 12-12		
8. Missouri Southern	6-10, 11-13		
9. Truman State	5-11, 9-15		
10. Missouri-Rolla	4-12, 8-16		
11. Lincoln University	0-17, 4-20		
		Scoring (per game)	
		1. Kausaito, Aneta, Jr., ESU, 21.2	
		2. Oiberding, Nikki, Jr., WU, 18.0	
		3. Marr, Jenny, Sr., MWSC, 17.1	
		4. Miller, Jenni, Sr., PSU, 16.6	
		Rebounds (per game)	
		1. Scott, Marie, Sr., MSSC, 10.0	
		2. Marr, Jenny, Sr., MWSC, 8.8	
		3. Kausaito, Aneta, Jr., ESU, 8.5	
		3-point Percentage	
		1. Jackson, Stephanie, Fr., MWSC, 40.0	
		2. Burkholder, Jessica, Jr., CMSU, 38.9	
		3. Thurman, Stephanie, Sr., SBU, 38.5	

The numbers and facts every Lion fan should know.

This Week

- Friday —
 - Track at MIAA Indoor Championships, Central Missouri State, TBA.
- Saturday —
 - Track at MIAA Indoor Championships, Central Missouri State, TBA.
 - Lady Lion basketball vs. Pittsburg State, 1 p.m., Young Gymnasium.
 - Lion basketball vs. Pittsburg State, 3 p.m., Young Gymnasium.
- Monday —
 - Men's basketball, MIAA post-season tournament, TBA, 7 p.m.
- Tuesday —
 - Lady Lion basketball, MIAA post-season tournament, TBA, 7 p.m.

FOOTBALL

Juco transfers focus of Lions

By NICK PARKER
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Uncharacteristically, the larger portion of next season's football recruiting class is composed of junior college transfers.

Head coach Jon Lantz typically has brought in players from the high school ranks to fill holes left on his team by graduating seniors.

Having red-shirted 11 true freshmen this past season, Lantz went in search of experience. "I didn't want another whole freshman class," he said. "We don't need to build for the future; I don't need to recruit for it. I've already got the future."

The Lions signed six players Feb. 7 and two more earlier this week. Five of those came via junior college teams: Kenny Brearley, 6-foot-3, 300-pound junior center from Navarro College (Corsicana, Texas); Shawn Greer, 6-0, 205-pound sophomore safety from Fort Scott (Kan.) Community College; Tyson Sims, 6-2, 180-pound junior wide receiver from Tyler (Texas) Junior College; Nick Thompson, 6-1, 222-pound junior linebacker from Butler County (Kan.) Community College; and Thomas Minor, 5-9, 195-pound junior running back from Independence (Kan.) Community College.

One transfer, Anthony Colenburg, a junior running back from Northwest Missouri State, comes from one of the Lions' MIAA rivals.

The two new freshmen are Brett Parker, 6-2, 195-pound wide receiver from Monett High School, and Devin Banks, 6-1, 178-pound cornerback from Hazelwood West High School in St. Louis. Lantz said

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Jon Lantz
Lions' head coach

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his recruiting is designed to fill specific holes and is part of an effort to make the Lions an immediate threat in the MIAA.

"We lost Sir [Avington] and [James] Thrash," Lantz said. "Those are some of the big holes we have to fill. Every move we make is designed to give us a shot at the MIAA championship. We try to put the kids in the right place at the right time to put us over the top."

"We needed help at wide receiver, and we signed two; we needed another impact running back, and we signed one of those; and by signing an offensive center, we got a player who can play guard, tackle, or center, so we are really pleased." □

MEN'S BASKETBALL



DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart
Former Missouri Southern basketball head coach Frank Davis returned to Young Gymnasium as an assistant with Northwest.

Former Lions' coach returns with new litter

Southern's first skipper now assistant at NWMO

By NICK PARKER
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Longtime Missouri Southern basketball fans may have suffered a brief stint of déjà vu during a recent game against Northwest Missouri State University.

Frank Davis had returned to Young Gymnasium.

Davis, now a part-time assistant coach for the Bearcats, began Missouri Southern's basketball program in 1968. He spent six years at the helm before leaving Joplin at the close of the 1973-74 season.

After posting a 16-16 record in their inaugural season in the NAIA, Davis' Lions did not experience a losing season until his final one when they finished 12-16. His 106-66 career record at Southern makes him the winningest basketball coach in Southern history.

Davis said the biggest obstacle in the infant program was gaining respect as a senior college program.

"It was tough getting the program going because of the junior college image," he said. "The image made scheduling and recruiting tough. We were like a little brother to SMS (Southwest Missouri State); I couldn't get the same kind they were going for. We just couldn't compete."

"The really tough thing was getting into the [NAIA national] tournament."

Jim Frazier, now Southern's men's athletics director, came to the College in 1971 as head football coach. He said beating Southwest Baptist University in basketball was also a key for Southern reaching the national tournament.

"He was an excellent on-court coach,"

Southern's 1st coach

- 1968-69: Record — 16-16
No postseason action
- 1969-70: Record — 21-8
2nd place finish in tourney
- 1970-71: Record — 18-6
2nd place finish in tourney
- 1971-72: Record — 21-10
1st place finish in tourney
- 1972-73: Record — 18-10
1st place finish in tourney
- 1973-74: Record — 12-16
No postseason action

Frazier said. "The competition was different then, but he knew how to make good adjustments. Every coach has one aspect of the game that they excel at. His was making the decisions in game time."

After finding out his father had an illness, Davis left Southern and moved to Savannah, Mo. His father was diagnosed with arteriosclerosis of the brain. While living in Savannah, Davis taught and coached basketball at Troy (Kan.) High School, retiring last year after 19 years.

Living in northwest Missouri, Davis followed both Missouri Western and Northwest Missouri State basketball. This made his move to the Bearcat basketball program an easy one.

"I followed those programs and I've known Tapp (Northwest head basketball coach Steve Tappmeyer) for a while," Davis said.

While many people find the transition from head coach to assistant coach difficult, Davis finds it easy.

"I welcome the transition," he said. "I don't have as much responsibility. Most of it falls on Tapp's lap." □

INDOOR TRACK

Oh, Canada

Nordique takes Southern route

By JOE ECKHOFF
STAFF WRITER

Finishing fifth at the track and field world championships is one of many highlights on Jason Zurba's athletic résumé.

Zurba, 24, at one time was ranked No. 8 in the United States. He also cracked the top five in his native Canada in the 60-meter dash.

The Canadian Olympic team took only the top three runners in the 60-meter dash to the Olympics. Zurba finished fifth.

"I retired from track and field a few years ago, but I was at home watching television, and guys I used to run against were running at the world championships," he said. "I just thought that could be me."

While trying to qualify in the 60-meter for the Canadian team, Zurba had to go head to head with

some of the best runners in the world. Two of the runners who finished ahead of Zurba at the world championships are now known nationally. One was Donald Bailey, the new world record holder in the 60-meter dash. The other was Bruny Surin, ranked No. 2 internationally in the event.

A degree was Zurba's main reason for returning to college.

It was obvious to him that the cultural health at Southern was much different than in Canada.

"Most people down here are not concerned with their health," Zurba said. "Most athletes here eat fast food at least once a day."

Eating healthy and keeping in shape is what makes Zurba the athlete he is.

"If I don't run well, I lose my scholarship and go back to Canada and retire," he said.

A huge difference Zurba sees between American and



JOHN SMITH/The Chart
Jason Zurba, a native of Ontario, Canada, sees a difference in foreign and American athletes' work ethics.

foreign athletes is the work ethic.

"Most Americans on our team are not willing to put in enough work to get to where they need to be," he said. "Most athletes down here are local athletes and don't know what it takes to reach the top."

Zurba thinks the competition in the MIAA is tough. "Our conference has some great runners, including one who ran for Jamaica," he said. "We run against a tough schedule with many [NCAA] Division I schools, including Arkansas, which is one of the reasons I chose Southern."

Track and field workouts are notoriously strenuous, and Zurba said the pace of Southern's squad has caused some athletes from other sports to wind up quitting.

"Many athletes from other sports came out, but couldn't handle our workouts," he said.

Although he is not anxious to end his career, he realizes it may all end after college. "I thought about three years ago that I could run for a career and make money doing it, but now I'm probably going to run at the collegiate level and retire," he said. □

SENATE: Body notes rising trend in funding requests

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necessary in order for an amendment to pass.

Even though the allocation may not be granted, Phillips said organizations have the right to request a sum above the Senate's cap.

Phillips also said the Senate's finance committee validates each request before any allocations are granted.

"There are a lot of groups on campus who continue to request money," he said. "And on the average we get about \$12,000 [per semester], and if I am going to give every group \$1,000 that comes before me then there is going to be no way we can help

everyone." Phillips said the \$1,000 figure per semester is to ensure everyone has an opportunity to receive a helping hand.

"In some of my allocations, with the finance committee, we recommend \$700 or \$800, which are shy of the limit," he said. "And in saving that \$200 or \$300 each time we may have some extra money at the end of the year."

Phillips has noticed a recent trend of organizations requesting sums more than the body's \$1,000 ceiling since the Senate's \$1,600 allocation to the cheerleaders.

"I don't think this has anything to do with the cheerleaders at all," he said. "The cheerleaders had a really big need."

Doug Carnahan, dean of students, said the cheerleaders' allocation was a unique situation.

"Their rationale with the cheerleaders was that instead of it coming separately, they wanted to make this purchase, so that is why they wanted to get their \$1,600 all in one shot."

Carnahan also said organizations do not understand why the exception was made regarding the cheerleaders. "It is very rare when the Senate gives more than \$1,000," Carnahan said.

Unlike the cheerleaders' current situation, Phillips said other campus organizations can request allocations from the Senate once each semester. □

DEGREE: Plans differ only in time to complete program

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the universities on Southern's campus. The classes would be taught either via teleconferencing or live instruction.

Students need 128 hours to earn an accounting degree from Southern. Once entering the master's program they have to complete 22 more hours to take the Certified Public Accountant's exam. Thirty hours of credit are required to receive an accounting master's degree from either university.

When the CBHE selects the university that will offer the program, students then will become part of the university's student body and pay the tuition of that school to take the classes. Details are sketchy as to how auxiliary fees will be paid by

students. Leon said the university may pay a small compensatory equipment usage fee.

Dr. Laverne Krueger, UMKC's director of the division of accountancy, said students may pay tuition to the university and pay Southern's auxiliary fees separately.

"The early draft I saw would be UMKC tuition," Krueger said. "Any other auxiliary fees would be assessed by Southern."

Southern has worked closely with UMKC to come up with a plan to bring a program to the College. The initiation costs of the program would be covered by funds allocated by the CBHE, Leon said. The two plans differ only in the amount of time it would take to complete the program. UMKC's program could be completed in a year's time, Leon

said. SMSU's program would take more than two years to complete.

Leon said four courses would be offered each semester with UMKC's plan. Three courses would be teleconference, and one would have an instructor in a Southern classroom. The instructor likely would be a Southern faculty member. Harsha said SMSU's proposal could be modified to include a year's worth of courses, but he said he had doubts students could complete the master's work in a year at UMKC.

"We could do the whole thing through interactive video," Harsha said.

Gray said he had hoped for a decision by the first of the year.

"We just need an accounting degree for our students," Gray said. "And that's our stance right now." □

Coming Attractions

On Campus



Recital

■ Southern Trio to perform Thursday, Feb. 27 at Webster auditorium

TAYLOR AUDITORIUM

Mar. 1-2—Aesop's Fables
Mar. 12-15—Madrigal Dinner
Mar. 20—Community Concert, Sykes & Chow
MATTHEWS AUDITORIUM
Foreign Films
Feb. 25—Barravento
Mar. 11—Tales of the Talma Clan

WEBSTER AUDITORIUM

Feb. 23—Jazz in Joplin, Doug Talley Quartet
Feb. 27—Southern Trio
Mar. 6—Ronald Radford, Flamenco Guitarist

Joplin



Concert

■ All-4-One to play at Joplin's Memorial Hall March 1

CHAMPS

782-4944
Feb. 28-Mar. 1—Prescription for Blues
Mar. 14-15—Joe Giles

THE BYPASS

624-9095
Feb. 21—Walking on Einstein
Feb. 22—W.C. Clark
Feb. 28—Smokin' Joe Kubek
Mar. 1—Live Comedy, James Groves opening for Kenny Cox
Mar. 7—Smarties and King Friday

SPIVA CENTER FOR THE ARTS

623-0183
Jan. 17-Mar. 2—Photo Spiva
Mar. 14-Apr. 27—Spiva Annual

MEMORIAL HALL

623-3254
Mar. 1—All-4-One
Apr. 12—Sawyer Brown

Springfield

JUKE JOINT

Mar. 1—Slister Machine Gun
Mar. 5—Reverend Horton Heat

HAMMONS STUDENT CENTER

Mar. 1—Steven Curtis Chapman

Carthage

DOWNTOWN PERK

Thru Mar. 8—Art Show, Southern Art League

SOUTHERN THEATRE

Fable characters to romp in production

By BRIAN PALMER
STAFF WRITER

Southern Theatre and the Show-Me-Celebration Company's presentation of Aesop's Fables is designed to be an imaginative romp through classic Greek storytelling for children.

Seven actors will present five of Aesop's most familiar fables with creative sets and costumes. Included are "The Tortoise and the Hare," "The Fox and the Sour Grapes," "The Donkey in the Lion's Skin," "The Very Conceited Crow," and "The Fox and the Goat," all updated by James Brock.

"The Fox and the Goat" will be presented in both English and Spanish.

"We're doing this for two reasons," said Duane Hunt, director. "First of all, as part of the mission toward multiculturalism. Secondly, because we are having more and more Spanish-speaking children bused in to see our shows."

Liliana Valencia, senior theatre major from Lima, Peru, helped with the idea.

"It wasn't planned originally," Hunt said. "It came out of the improvisational work that the actors did in rehearsal."

"It's supposed to be an education purpose," Valencia said. "It's to

Upcoming PLAYS

'Aesop's Fables'

TIME: 2:30 p.m.
DATE: March 1-2
PLACE: Taylor Performing Arts Center, Missouri Southern State College
ADMISSION: \$1 adults, \$50 children

reach out to the community more, [because] there's a high ratio of Hispanic children in the schools. In the process, we can teach other kids some Spanish."

According to Hunt, the approach to children's theatre is not much different from adult theatre. He said audience reaction is the main difference.

"There's nothing quite like the response children give you," Hunt said.

"Children are going to tell you instantly whether they like what you're doing or don't like what you're doing."

"There's more audience partici-



Donald Leffert (left), sophomore theatre major, as the tortoise, and Liliana Valencia, junior theatre music education major, as the hare, perform in Southern Theatre's Aesop's Fables March 1-2 in Taylor Auditorium.

pation in children's theatre, as opposed to adult theatre," said Donald Leffert, sophomore theatre major.

There has been great interest generated for this show by area schools. Beginning Monday, the

show will run all week for area schoolchildren. More than 7,000 will be bused in to see the show.

Public performances will be given at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, March 1, and Sunday, March 2, in the Taylor Performing Arts Center.

Tickets are \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children, and are available by reservation only.

Anyone wishing to make reservations for the Saturday or Sunday shows must do so by 4 p.m. Friday by calling 625-3190.

LANGSTON HUGHES CELEBRATION

Event to honor writers

By KATE WALTERS
STAFF WRITER

Songs, poetry, and drama are only a few of the ways Langston Hughes will be celebrated Friday.

The fifth annual Langston Hughes Celebration will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. in Webster Hall auditorium.

Dr. Doris Walters, professor of English, helps to organize the celebration every year along with the NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People).

"The NAACP has been an important civil rights group for the advancement of African-American people since the early days of the 20th century," she said.

"Our main purpose is to honor a very important writer who was born in Joplin. We want the people of Joplin to appreciate a fine writer who is a native son."

Hughes is considered one of the best writers of this century. He wrote a wide variety of literature including plays, nonfiction, and children's literature, but he is most famous for his work as a poet.

"I would really like people to understand what we are trying to do with the celebration and why it is a co-sponsored event with the NAACP," Walters said. "It is meant to truly be not just an English department event but a community event."

The celebration, which has featured speakers in the past, is bringing in a performer this year. Dr. Herbert Woodward Martin will perform the works of Langston Hughes and poets

influenced by him in a program called "Langston and Company."

Martin, a professor and poet in residence at the University of Dayton, is a published poet, a scholar, and an expert in African-American literature. He developed certain selections of work that he has been performing of late.

The evening will also feature a short play that portrays Hughes through childhood and adolescence up to the point where he publishes his first poem.

Mark Lloyd, a sophomore speech communication major, will portray the 21-year-old Hughes who has just published a poem.

Music has also been included into the celebration.

"He incorporated a lot of musical rhythms in his writing, which is why we have always incorporated music into the celebration," Walters said.



INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

Cinema illustrates fishermen's struggle

Piece depicts rites of religious acts in Brazilian province

By KEVIN COLEMAN
ARTS ETC. EDITOR

In the early 1960s, Brazilian filmmakers were involved in a movement to create a national cinematic culture free of North American influence.

Out of this Cinema Novo movement came Tuesday's 35th annual International Film Festival feature presentation.

Barravento (The Turning Wind), released in 1962 and directed by Glauber Rocha, was one of the entries in the first New York Lincoln Center Film Festival in 1963, and one of the first Cinema Novo films to win honors abroad.

"Rocha was one of the initiators of the Cinema Novo movement," said Harrison Kash, director of Missouri Southern Film Society.

The film is Rocha's response to the 1960s' struggle for cultural control between the old and new

forces in the country of Brazil.

"The film examines the plight of the fishermen in the province of Bahia," Kash said.

"We're looking at the fishermen, themselves, who are working for somebody as a group."

"The fishermen are, too often, exploited or cheated, and they're not getting a fair wage for the kind of work they're doing and the risk they're taking to do it," he said.

Barravento is a disjointed, artistic study of the Bahia province's macumba religion, a weird, superstitious mixture of Christianity and African tribal religion, according to reviewers attending the 1963 New York Film Festival.

The production concentrates heavily on the music and dancing involved in the macumba rituals.

"Some of the most striking scenes are depictions of the macumba rites," reviews said.

Barravento will be shown at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Matthews Hall auditorium.

Admission is \$1.50 for adults and \$1 for students and senior citizens.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Trio remembers Brahms' life

By KATE WALTERS
STAFF WRITER

Southern Trio, a musical group made up of members of the music department, will perform three classical pieces containing piano and strings at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 27 in Webster Auditorium.

The threesome is made up of Bill Elliott, professor of music; Gloria Jardon, part-time instructor of music, and Dr. Kexi Liu, instructor of music.

"The trio usually performs a concert once a year at the College, usually in the spring."

They will perform Johannes Brahms' Trio No. 3, Op. 101, Malcolm Arnold's Trio, Op. 54, and Joaquin Turina's Trio No. 2, Op. 18.

Liu says although the three pieces are

excellent works, they are quite different.

"Brahms is a 19th-century Romantic composer, and the other two are 20th-century composers," he said. "They have different styles."

Elliott says although Turina and Arnold are both 20th-century composers, Turina has a style that keeps with the traditional music that had come in the times before. Arnold's piece comes from an age of technology, which is reflected in a more modern sound.

Elliott says the pieces were chosen because they represent a variety of literature and English, German, and Spanish cultures.

One reason the Brahms' piece was chosen is because this is the 100th anniversary of his death.

Admission is free to Southern students and the public.



Kexi Liu (left), Gloria Jardon (center), and Bill Elliott will perform three classic pieces Thursday.